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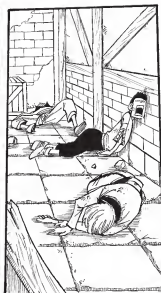
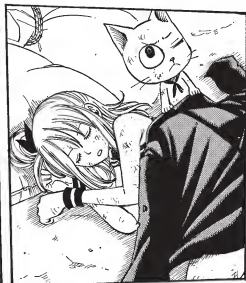
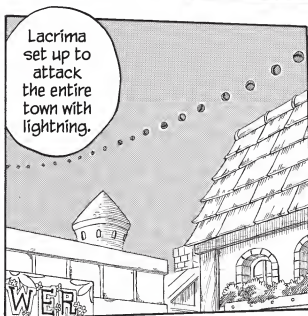
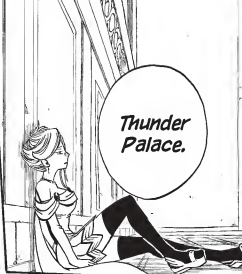
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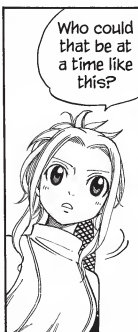
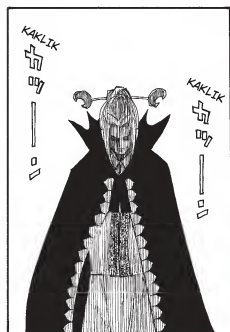
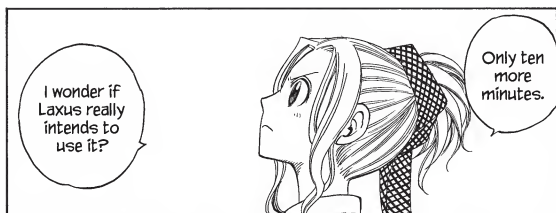
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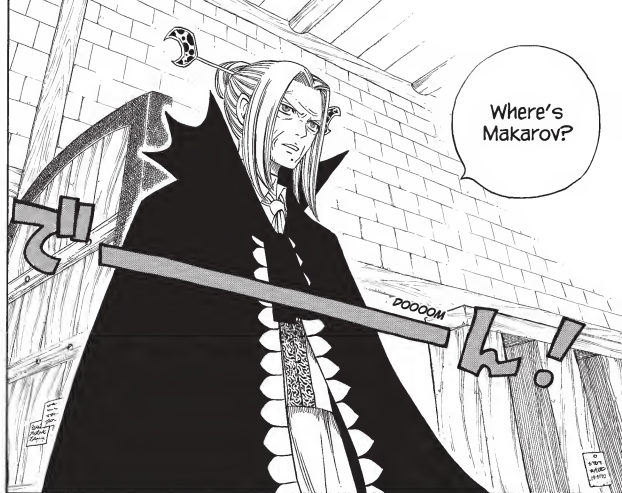
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Where's
Makarov?



I asked
where he is!

Porlyusica-
san?!



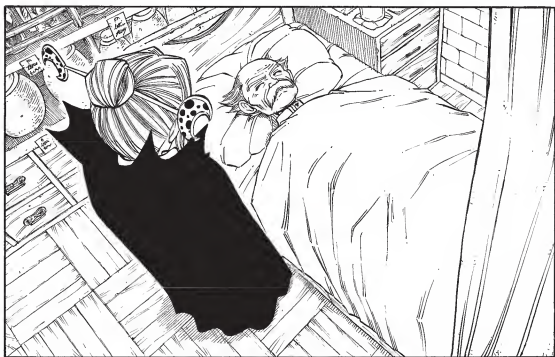
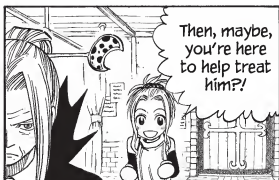
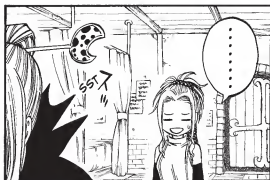
Huh?!

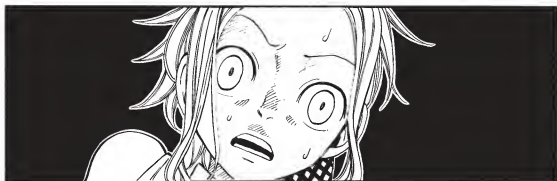
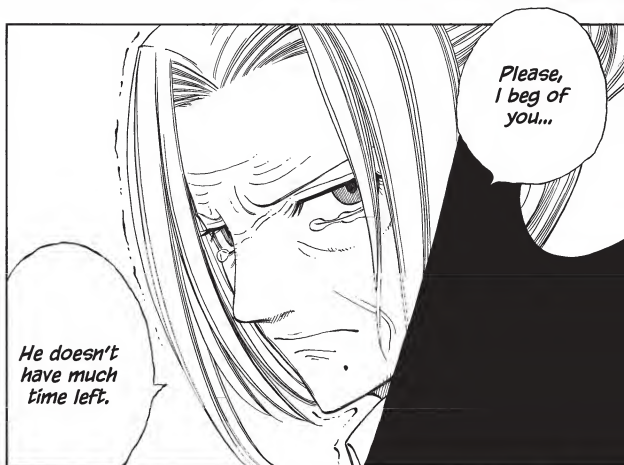
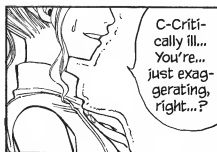
I know.
That is why
I am here.

U-um...
Right now,
he's...

Humph!

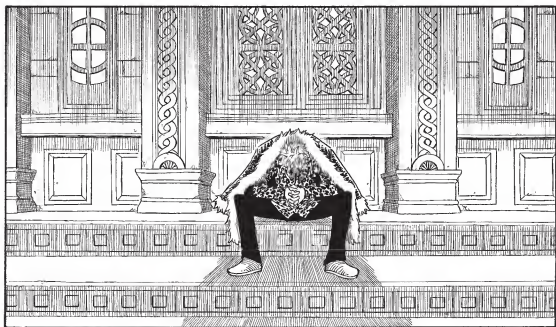
I-In the
back! In the
infirmary!





Lexus...

Will you
shape up
and help
us with
Fantasia?



...you have
no right to
talk!

Old man...



Ever since I was little,
people have only ever
seen me as your
grandkid!!!

No matter what
I do, it's always,
"It's cause
he's Makarov's
grandson." "He's
the grandkid of the
master of Fairy
Tail!" I can't get
any credit for the
things I do!



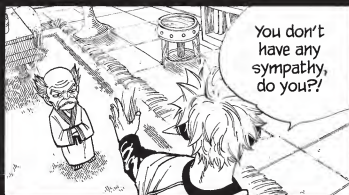
I wonder if
anybody gets
the credit he
deserves?

Credit is all
in how you
look at it,
right?



That
isn't...

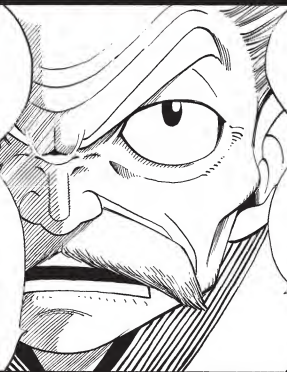
All he said was that
he "doesn't feel
comfortable," and
you go dragging
his name through
the gutter!





But he's
your son,
right?!!!
You're
family,
right?!!!

I know he's
always doing
stupid stuff!



My
predecessor
did the same
thing to
protect the
guild!

Even if he's
family...

That is
what it
means to
be in Fairy
Tail!

...I can't allow
anyone to stay
in the guild who
endangers the lives
of his guild
mates!



He started
a guild?!

If you do, I'll
just go join
the guild he
made and
come back to
crush you!

Then are
you gonna
fire me,
too?!

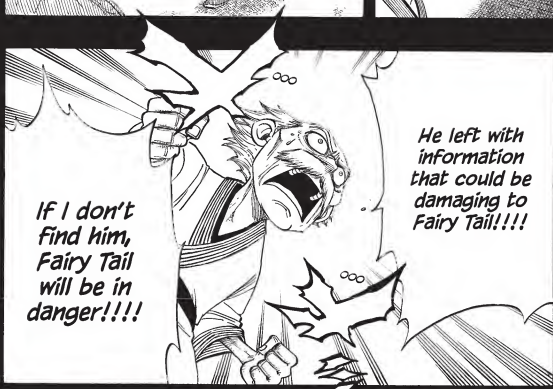


W-Wait!!

Don't even pretend you care! Anybody can see through that!



Th-Then you know where he is right now?



If I don't find him, Fairy Tail will be in danger!!!!

He left with information that could be damaging to Fairy Tail!!!!



Lexus!!

You should talk, after you chased him out!

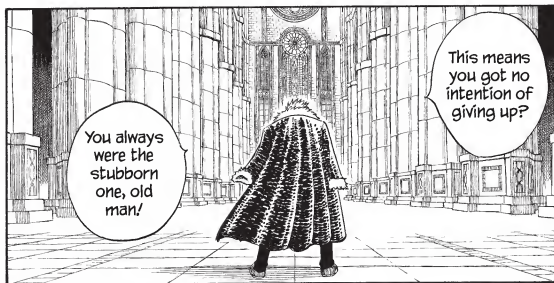
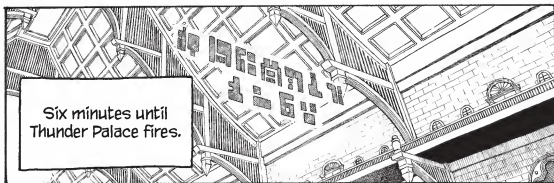


I won't get
better for Dad.
I'll be doing it
so I can be me!

One day, I
will surpass
you.



**So I can
be my own
man!**



I never for a minute thought you'd take part in this game.

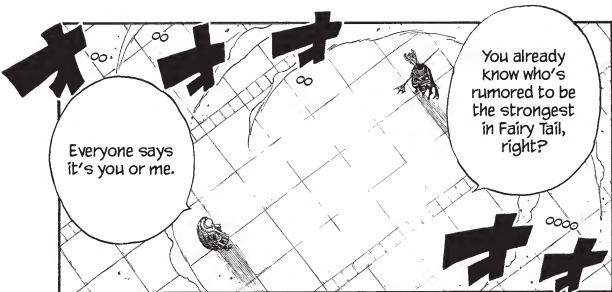
Mystogan!

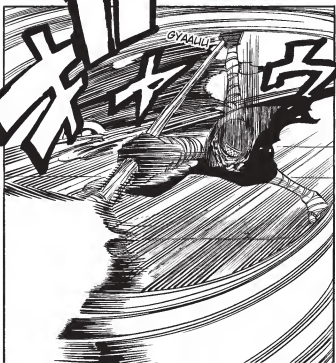
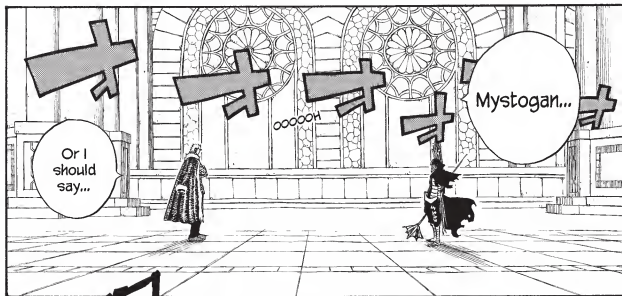
雷獄神楽

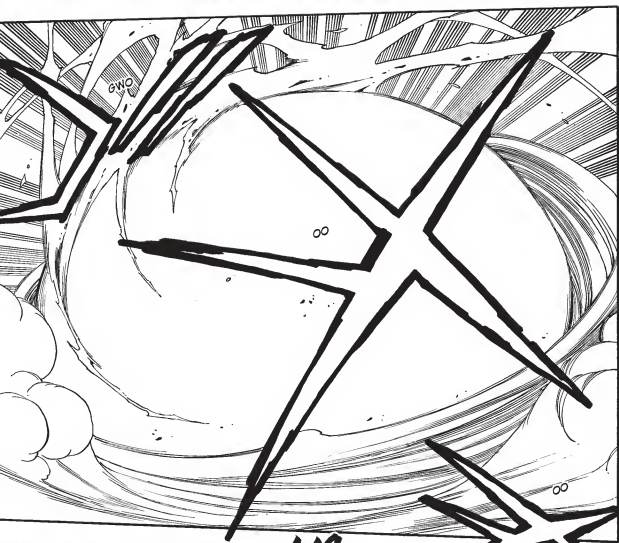
Pants: Dance of Purgatory

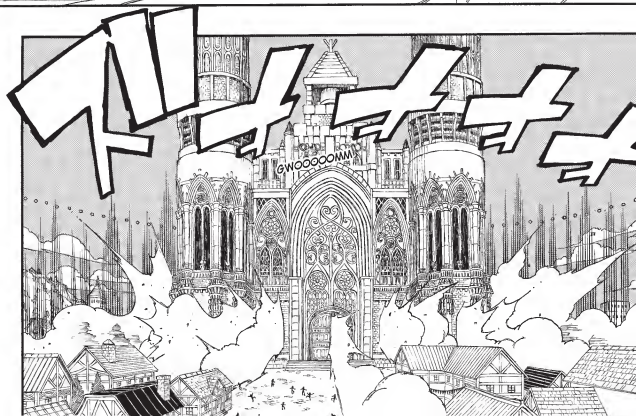
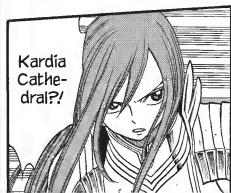
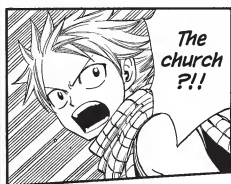
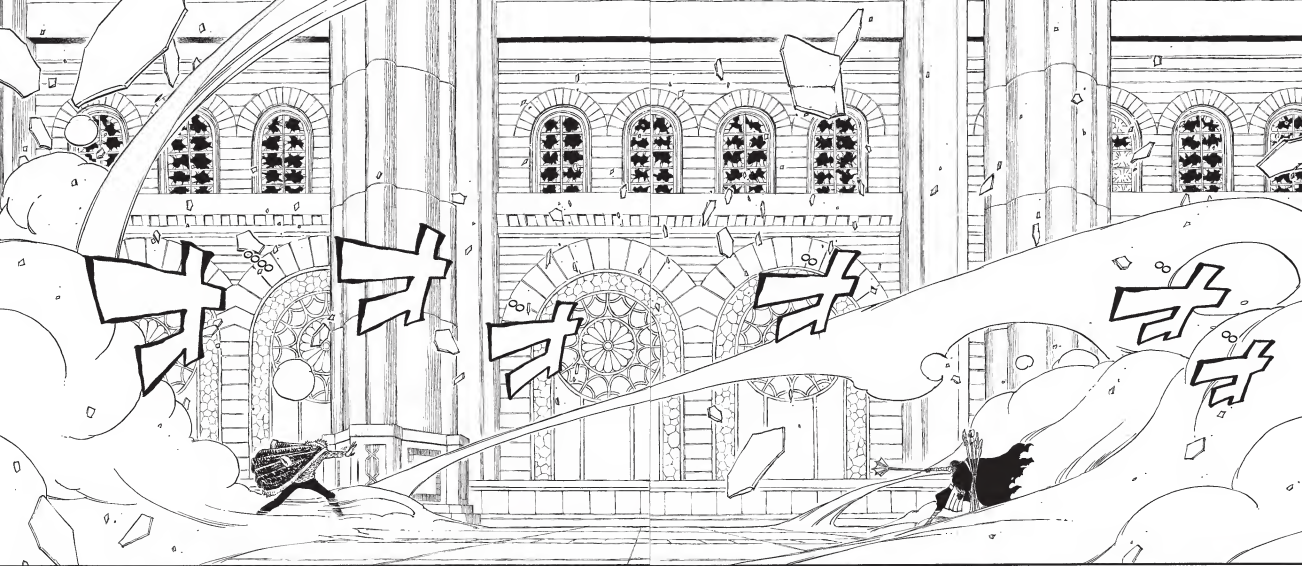
Don't be a pea-brain.

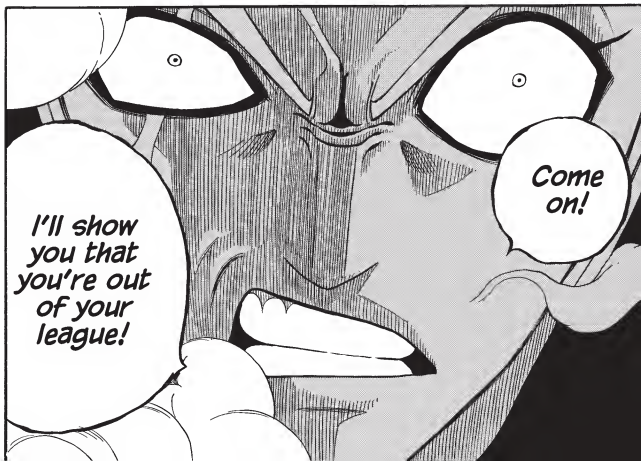
Take down the Thunder Palace immediately. It is possible we can still smooth this over as being a part of the entertainment.





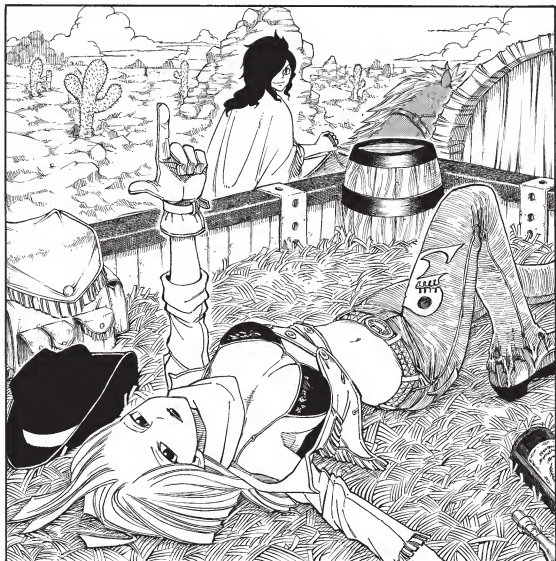


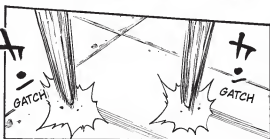
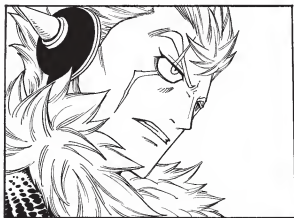
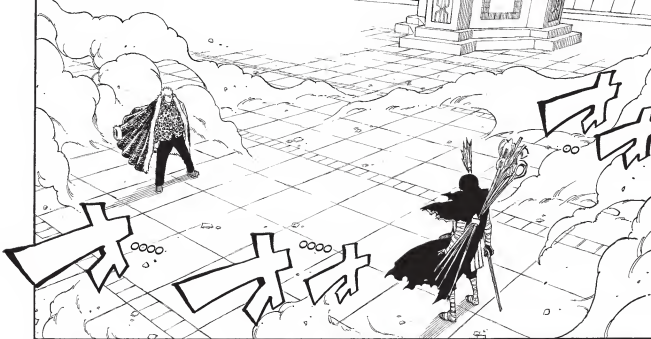


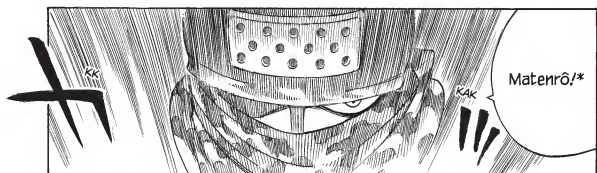
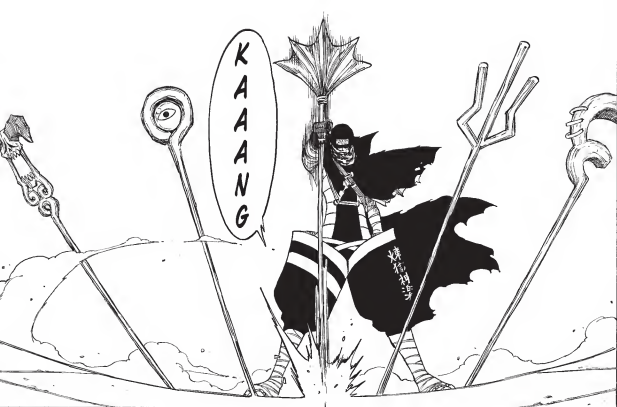


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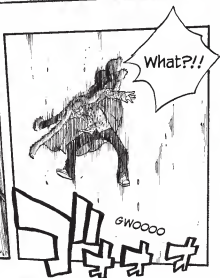






*Sky Scraping!







GROOOAAAAA

Uwaa-
ooooo
!!!!



What the
hell is this
magic?!!!





Did you really think
I'd fall for an *illusion*,
Mystogan?!

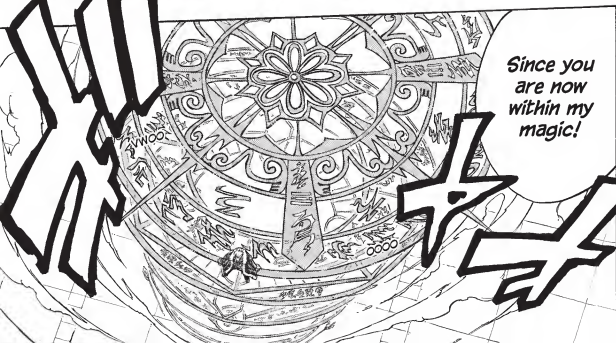


KAK
//

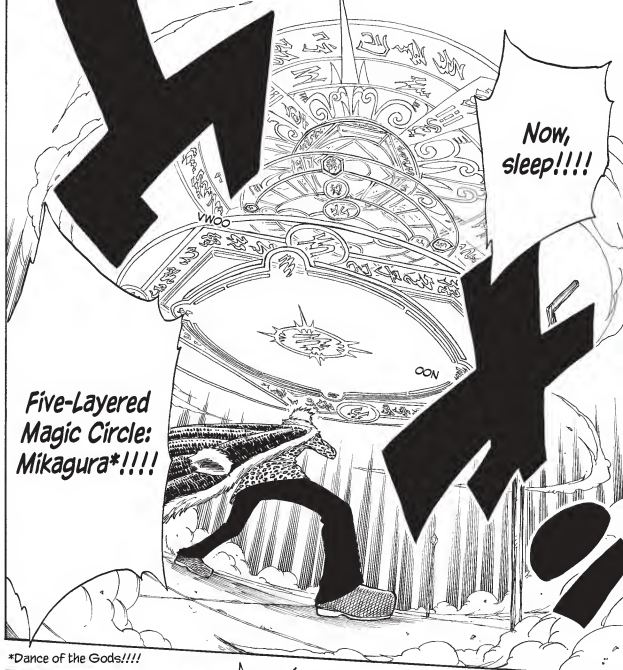


But you
were a
moment
too late
in real-
izing.

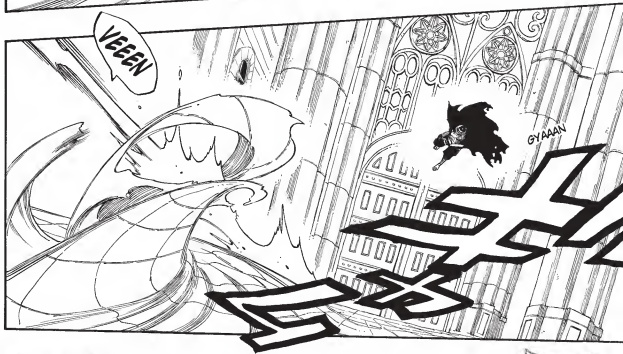
Yes, you
wouldn't.

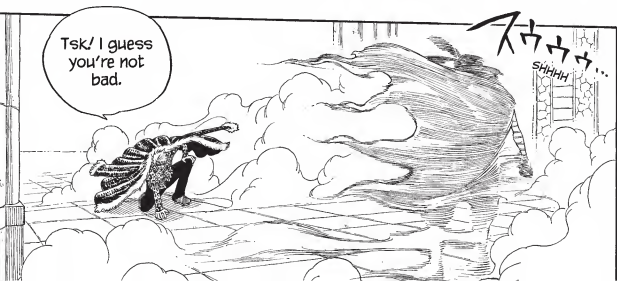
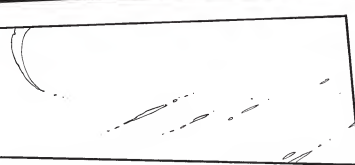
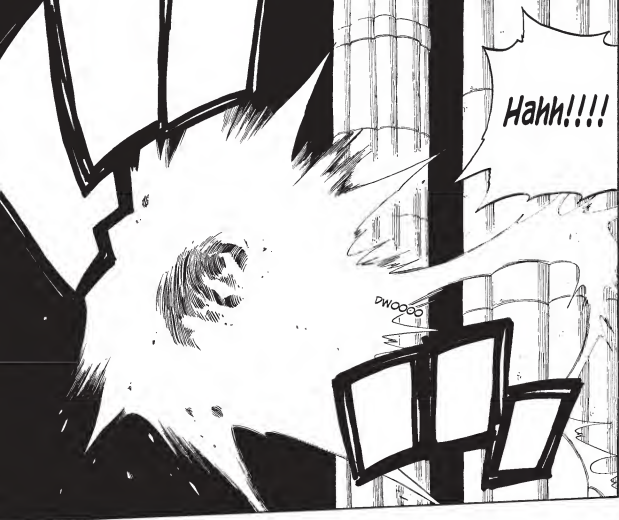


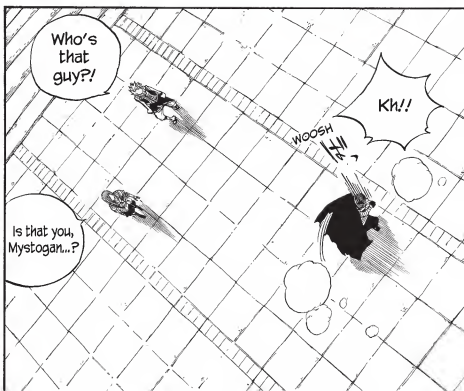
Since you
are now
within my
magic!

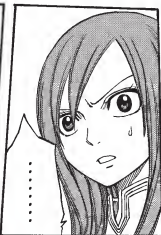




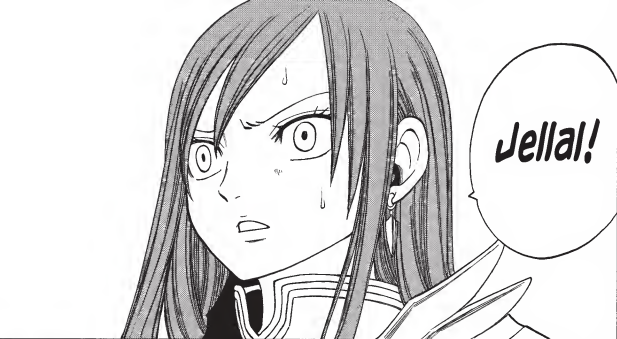


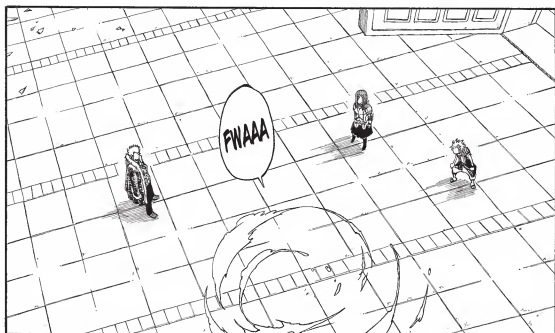
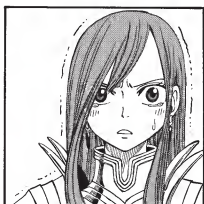
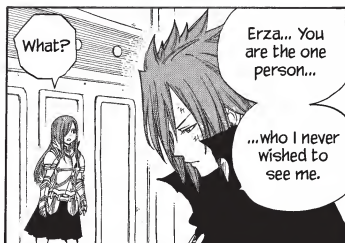
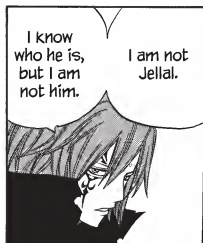






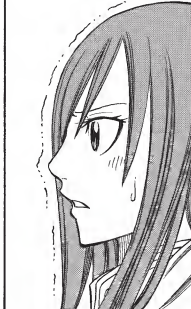








**Erza
!!!!**



Erza, you're
okay with
this, right?!
I'm taking
him on!!!

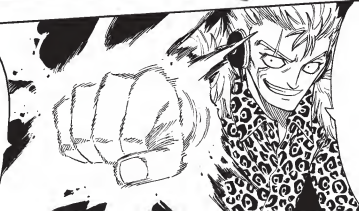
Awwww,
I don't get it!!
But it can wait!!!
Lexus, you and
me are on!!!



**Gwaa-
aahh
!!!**

SHRANKK

**Now
come
at me!**



That face
looks ugly
on you.



**Lexus
!!!!**



**You
piece
of-!!!!**



*I told you
that I was the
one to take
you on!!!!*



...Natsu?



Hm? When
did you get
here...

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Chapter 121: My Chance to Take the Top Seat, Right?



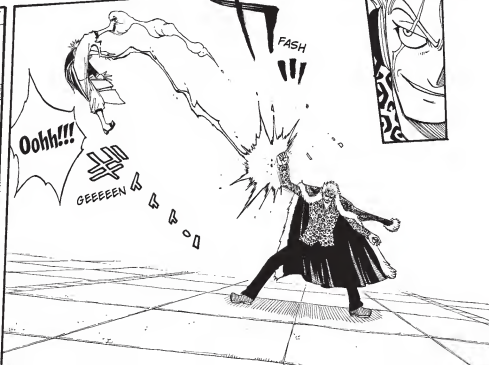


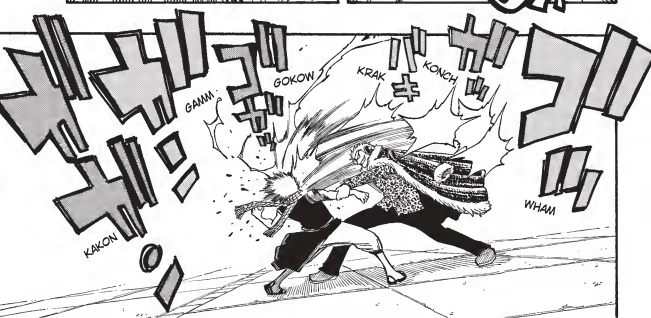


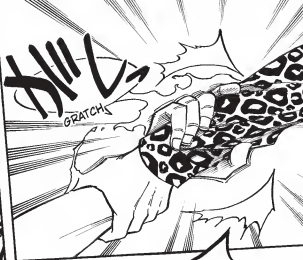


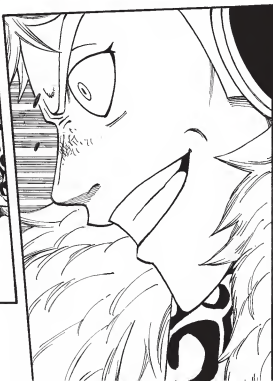
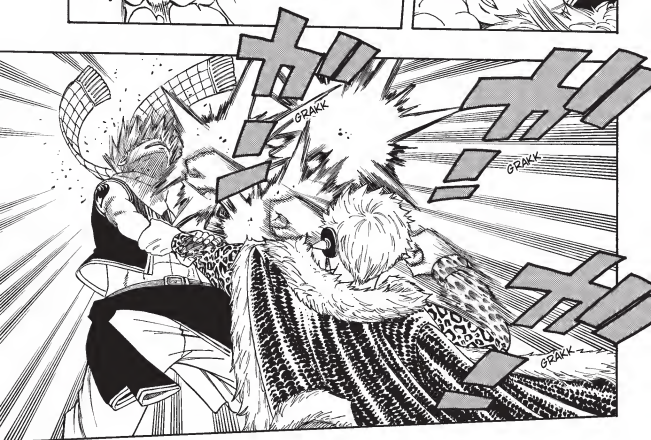
Karyû no
Kagizume*
!!!!

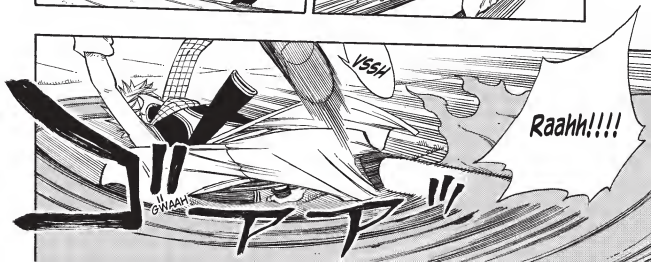
*Talons of the Fire
Dragon!!!!

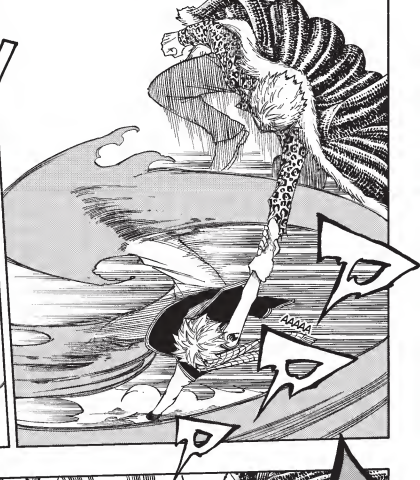
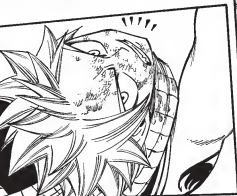


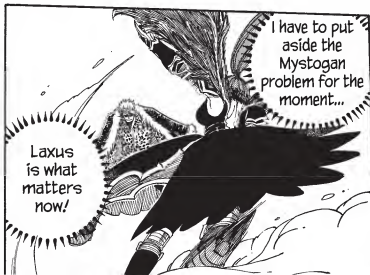
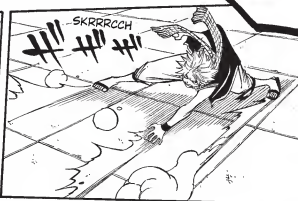
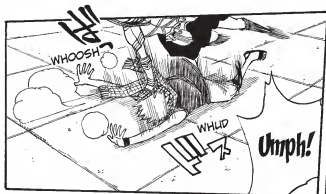










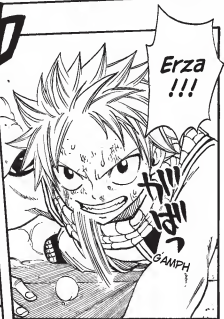




What are those things floating in the sky supposed to be, Laxus?!



Thunder Palace!
You've heard of it, right?



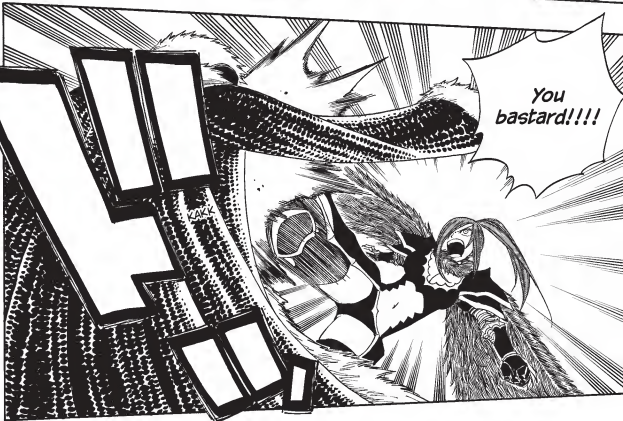


Even though
it *pains* me
to do it.

Heh heh heh...

Ha ha ha!
Hey, it's
the new
rule!

You aren't
actually
planning on
attacking
the town, are
you?!



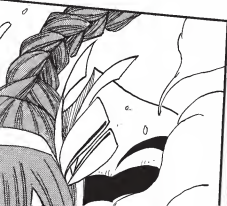
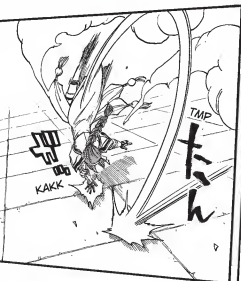
**You
bastard!!!!**

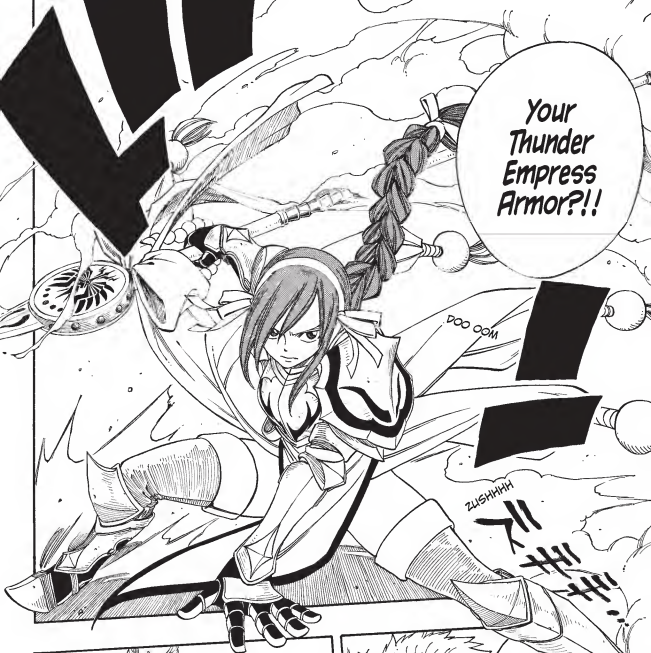
I can't!!
Even if I tried,
they'd kill
me!!

**Natsu! Go
and destroy
all those
lacrima!!!**

You only
have two
minutes
left.

GRIMP





**Your
Thunder
Empress
Armor?!!**

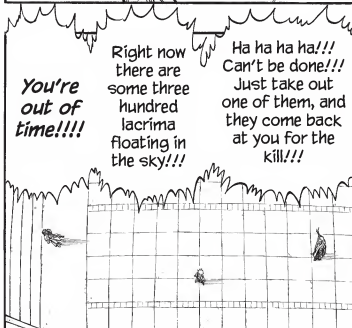
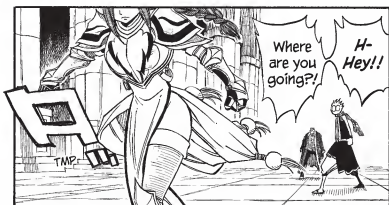
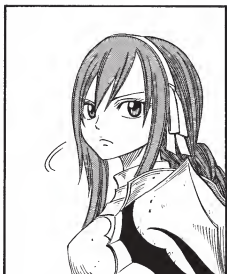
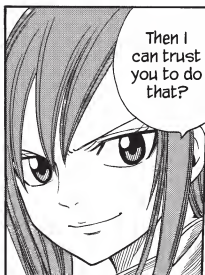


**I keep
telling
you, I'm
gonna
take him
out!!**

**What's
the deal,
going after
Lexus all
serious?!**

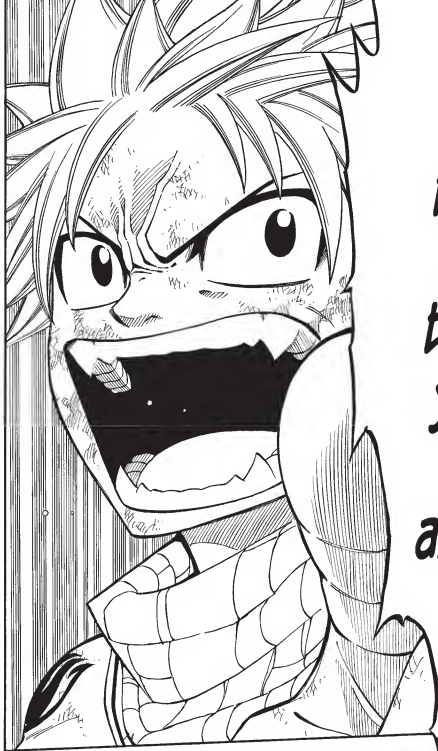


**Humph! You
think you can
reduce the
damage from
my lightning
attacks with
that?!**







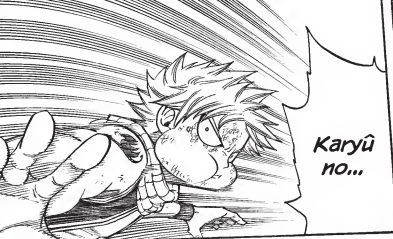


I'm
talking
about
trustin'
you to
stay
alive!!!!



I have no
intention
of
throwing
it away
now.

You
saved
my
life.



Karyû
no...



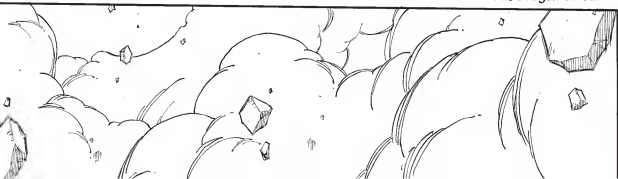
Dam-
mit!!

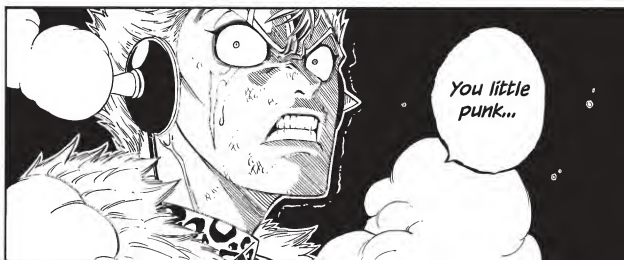


Hôkô*!!!!

Ern...

*Fire Dragon's Roar

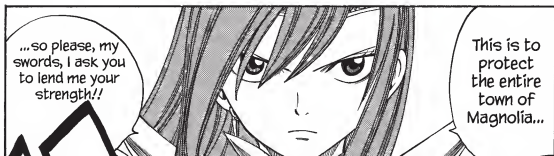




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Chapter 122: The Lonely Thunder Clap







*Just how
watered-down
and worthless
this guild is
now!!!*



*Even
you're not
so thick
as to
miss it,
Natsu!!!*



*But to
change
it, I gotta
become the
master!!!*

*I'm here to
change the
guild!!!*



*Don't you
care what's
gonna
happen
to the
town?!!!*

*What are
you waiting
for, old
man?!!!*

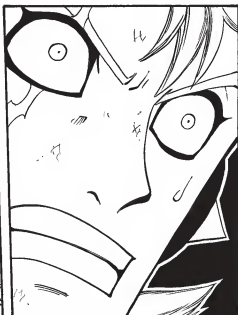
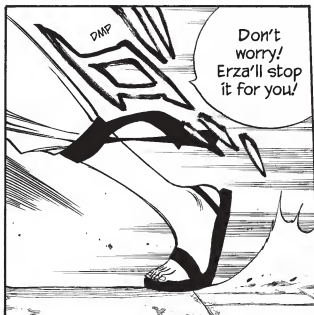


One minute and
30 seconds until
Thunder Palace fires.

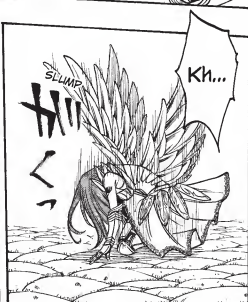
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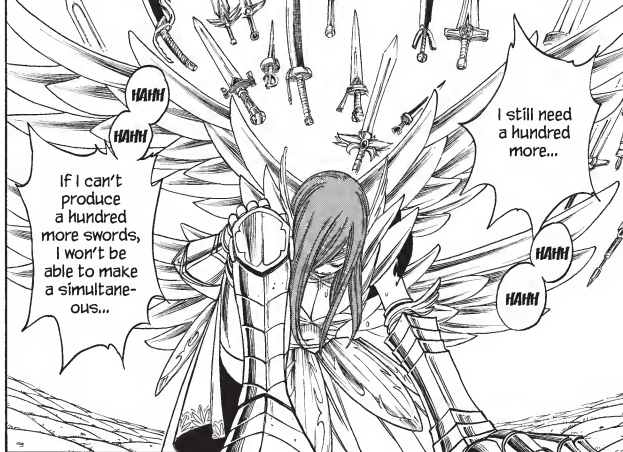
You got nothing to gain by breaking the town to pieces.











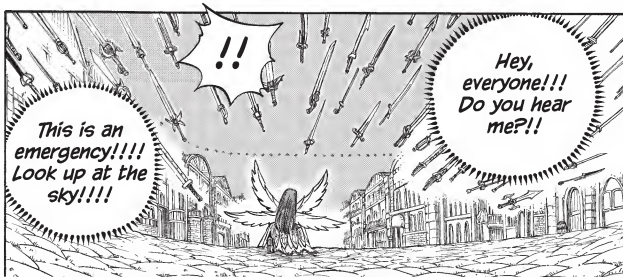
HAHH
HAHH

If I can't produce a hundred more swords, I won't be able to make a simultaneous...

I still need a hundred more...

HAHH

HAHH



!!

This is an emergency!!!!
Look up at the sky!!!!

Hey,
everyone!!!
Do you hear
me?!!



Everybody
who's down,
get up
now!!!

It's
telepa-
thy...?



GLANCE
✖
GLANCE
✖
✖
✖

Warren?!



Every one
of you,
listen to
me!!!



Anybody still
battling, break
it up at least
for now!!!

What is
this?
A voice
in my
head?



The
sky, he
said...

What
is
that...?



Warren?



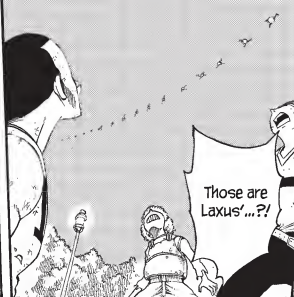
PEEP
PEEP

All of them,
without exception,
are going to attack
the town!! They're
Lexus' magic!!
We're out of time!!!
We all have to do
this!!!!

Those things in
the sky are magic
about to rain
down destruction
on everything!!!



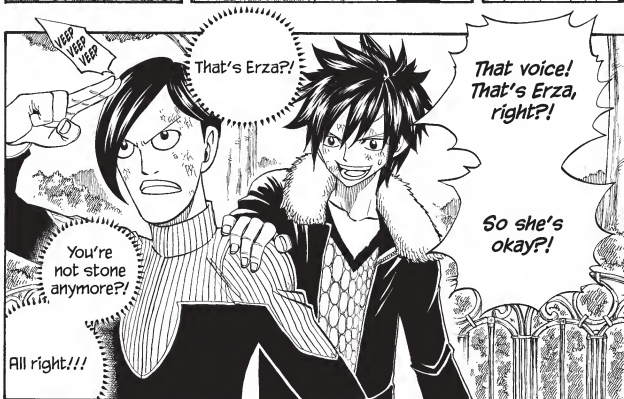
Warren,
how did
you...know
about
Thunder
Palace...?



Those are
Lexus'...?!



What'd
he say?!



You're
not stone
anymore?!

That's Erza?!

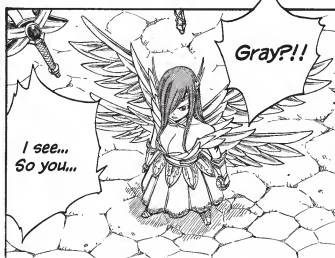
That voice!
That's Erza,
right?!

So she's
okay?!

All right!!!

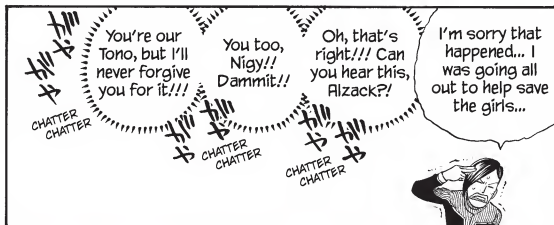
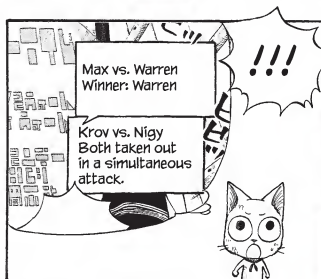
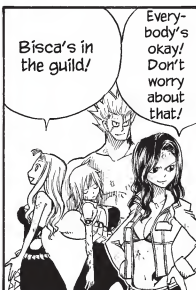


I bumped
into
Warren by
chance!



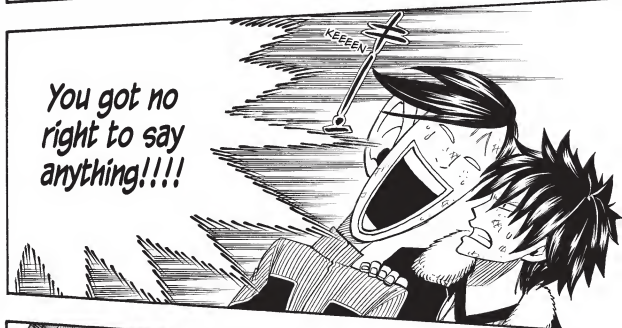
Gray?!!

I see...
So you...





*Save
your petty
arguments
for after!!!!*



*You got no
right to say
anything!!!!*



*N-No!! They
have Organic
Link Magic
on them...*



*We're out of
time here!!!!
Just destroy
those things in
the sky!!!*

Are you
sure, Lucy?
It's going
to hurt!

Let's go
do this,
Happy!!

Even
if it hurts,
let's go!!

Macao,
you can't
handle
this!!!
Sleep
this one
out!!!!

What's
that,
Wakaba?!!
Don't go
putting on
airs, old
man!!!!

You'll get
yours after
we tear
those things
down!!!!

Visitor, you
bastard!
Don't move
from where
you are
now!!!!

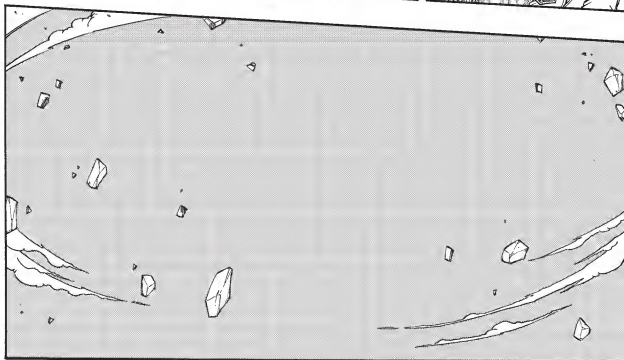
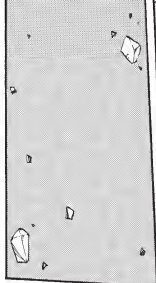
All of you...

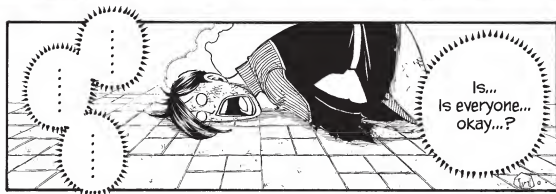
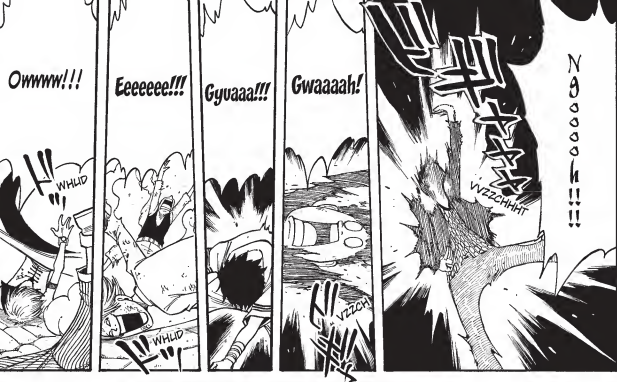
Don't
leave a
single
one!!!!

You
focus on
destroy-
ing all
the ones
to the
south!!!

I'll take
the two
hundred
to the
north!!!!

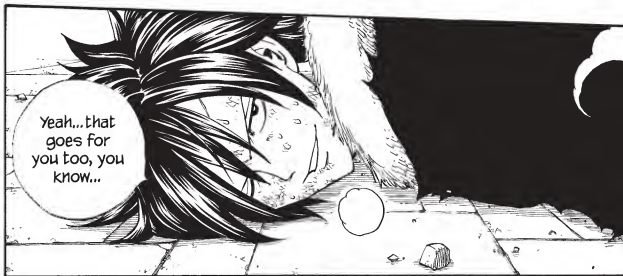




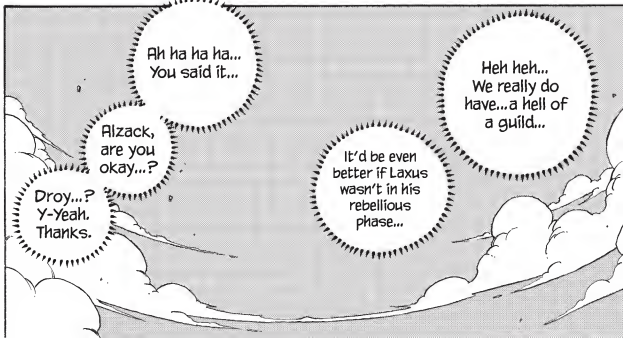




I honestly...
don't believe...
just how out-of-
control you all
are...



Yeah...that
goes for
you too, you
know...



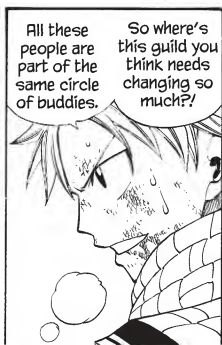
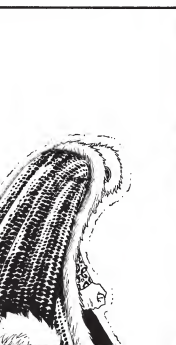
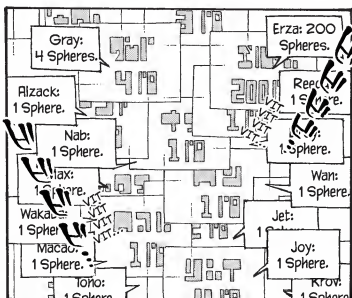
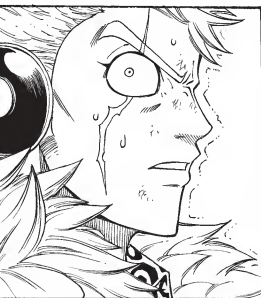
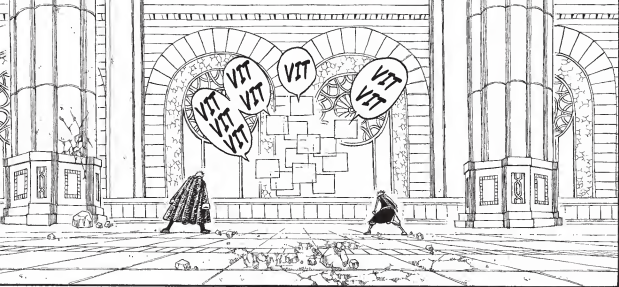
Ah ha ha ha...
You said it...

Alzack,
are you
okay...?

Droy...?
Y-Yeah.
Thanks.

It'd be even
better if Laxus
wasn't in his
rebellious
phase...

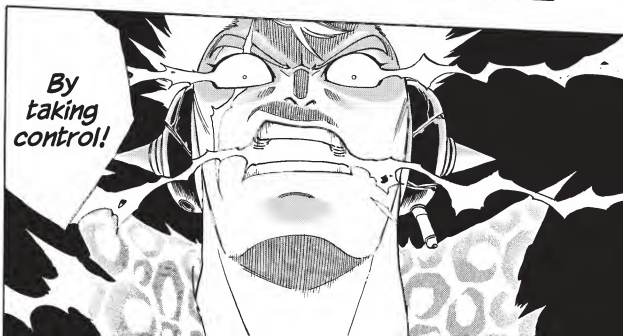
Heh heh...
We really do
have...a hell of
a guild...



So how's a guy who
doesn't show any
interest in that circle
supposed to become
Master?

All these
people are
part of the
same circle
of buddies.

So where's
this guild you
think needs
changing so
much?!



FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 123: Double Dragon





You're never
going to get
control of Fairy
Tail now!

Cut
the crap,
Lexus!

Yes...

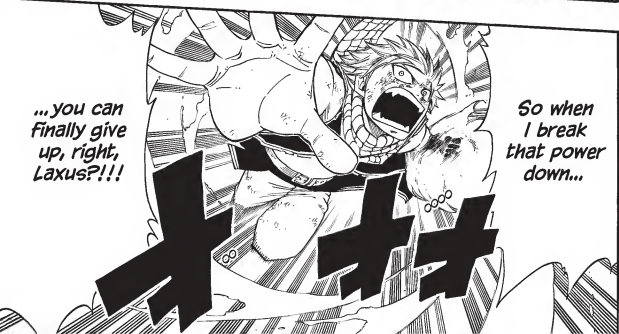
I never
needed
these
tactics
from the
start...

I will...



*I should
have just
trusted
everything
to my
power!!!!*

*Unstoppable
power is my
very identity,
you know!!*

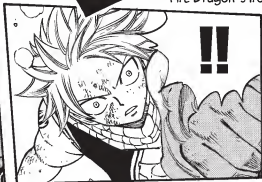
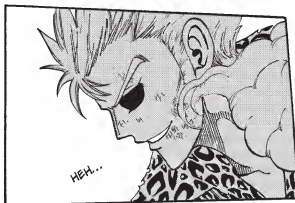


*...you can
finally give
up, right,
Lexus?!!!*

*So when
I break
that power
down...*



*Fire Dragon's Iron Fist

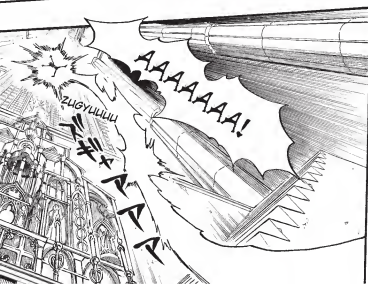




*Come
and get
me, Fairy
Tail!!!!*

*And
when I
win, I'll
do with
you as I
like!!!*

GYAAA

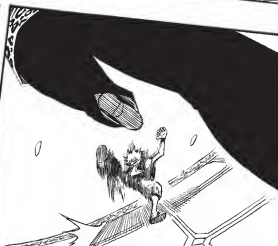
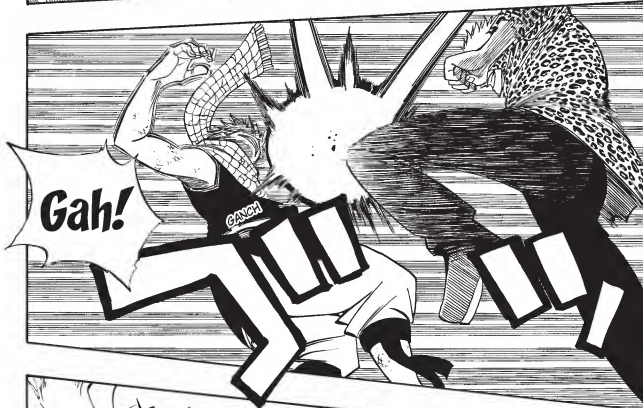
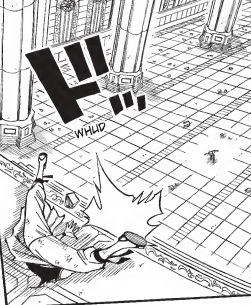


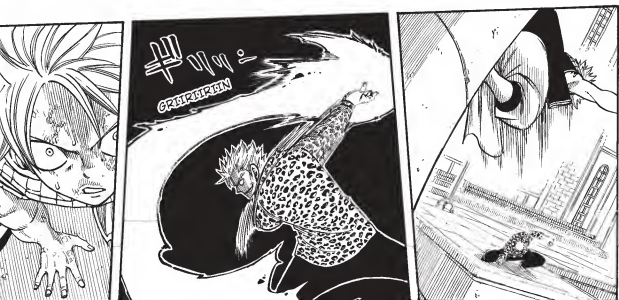
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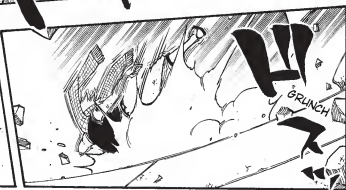
AAAAAAA!

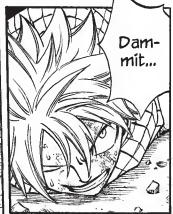
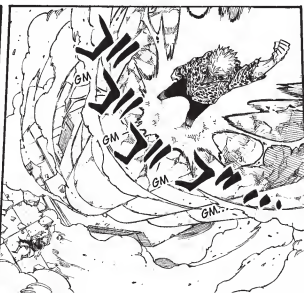


GUW-
AAH!



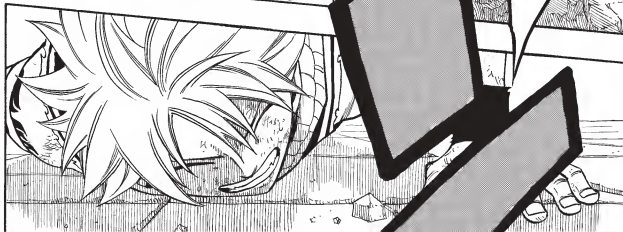




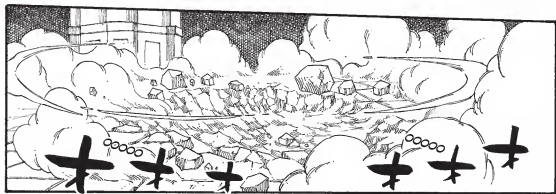




**Raging
Bolt!!!!**

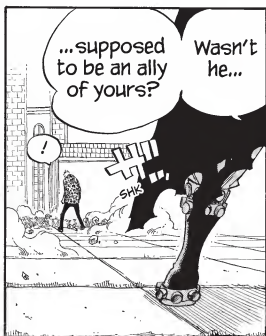






Heh
heh...





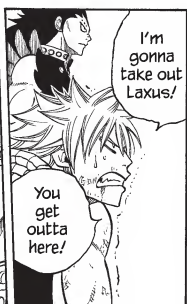
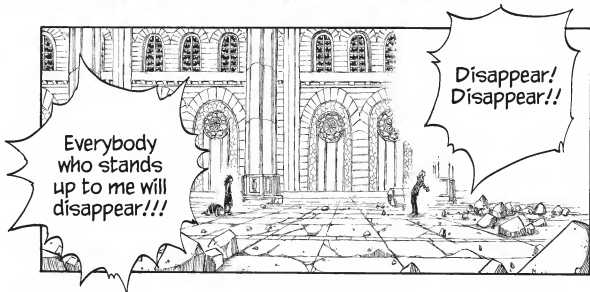
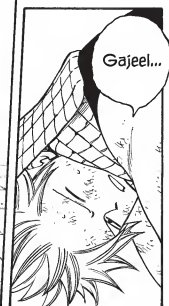
That's cause
blowing him
away is *my*
job.

DOO

Well... It's
true that he
ain't blown to
dust yet.

OOM









Do you got any idea what'll happen if we don't stop him here?!



Everybody else was taken out by the Thunder Palace's revenge blast.

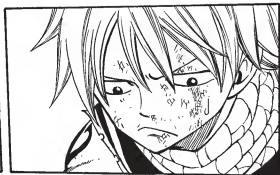


He's the enemy of the whole guild!!!! The only way to protect the guild is to stop him for good!!!!



What's it to anybody if I wanna protect it or destroy it?!

Wait? You wanna protect the guild?



It'll only ever happen this once!

You bet your butt!! I got a battle to fight with you later!!

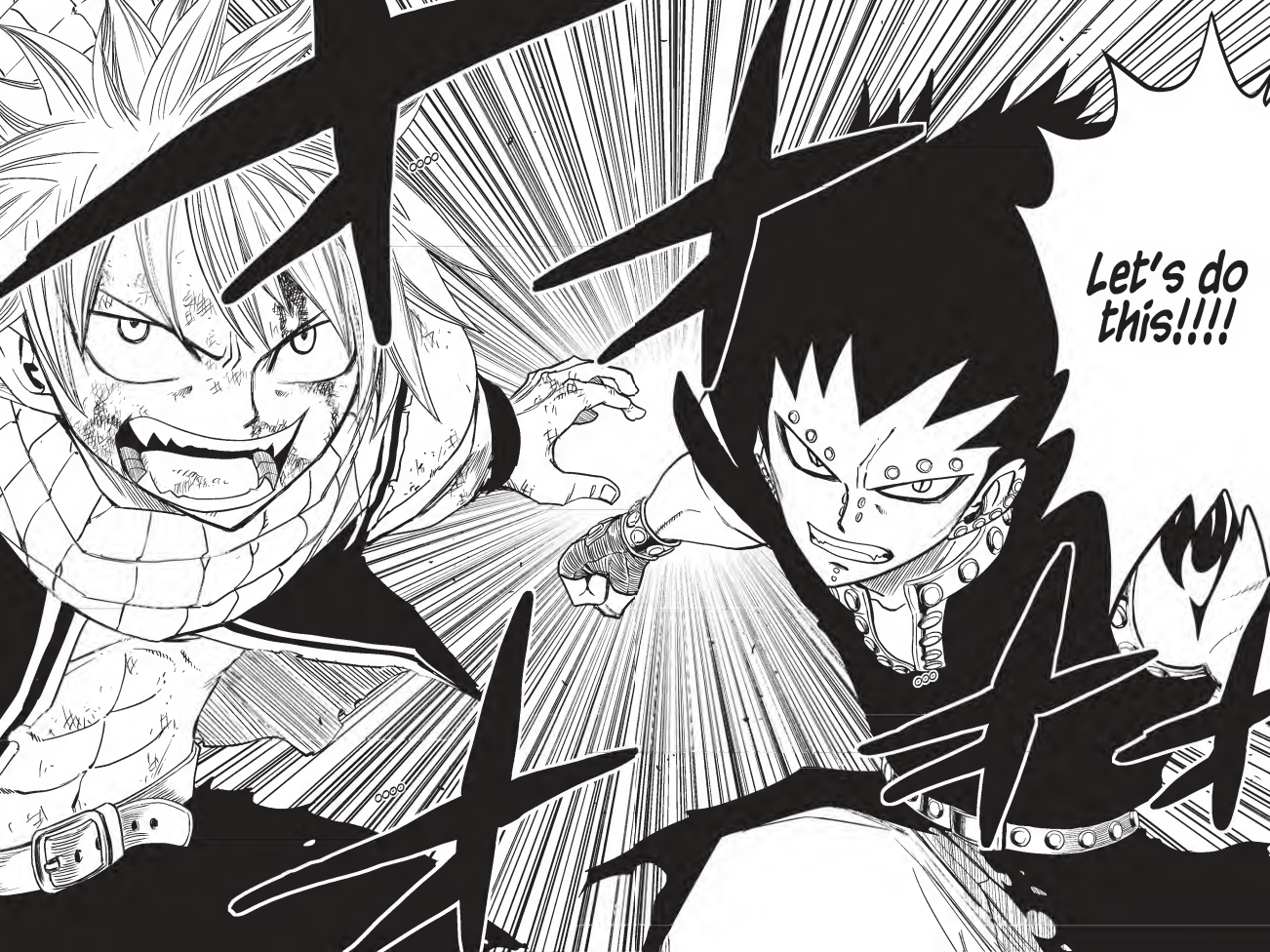


There ain't.

But with all the damn lightning, I can't fly through the sky like I want.



I thought there wasn't room in the sky for two dragons.

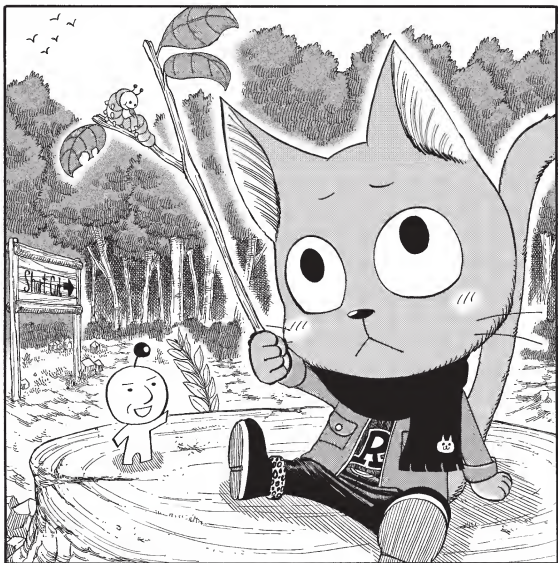


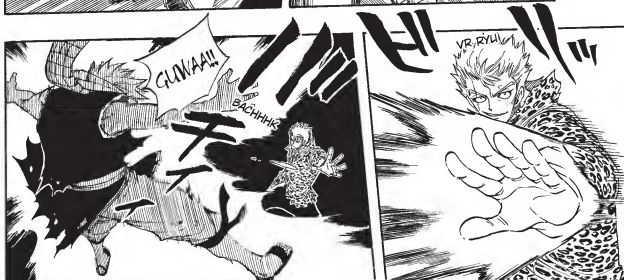
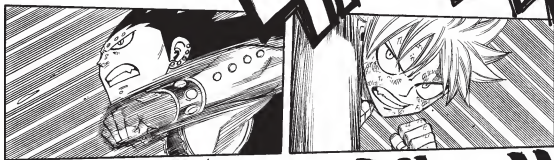
*Let's do
this!!!!*

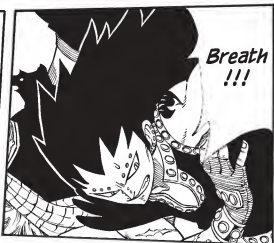
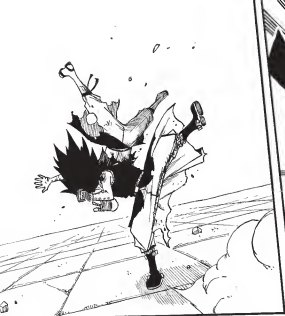


FAIRY TAIL

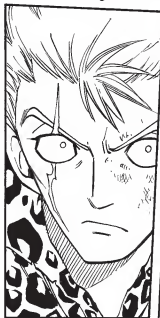
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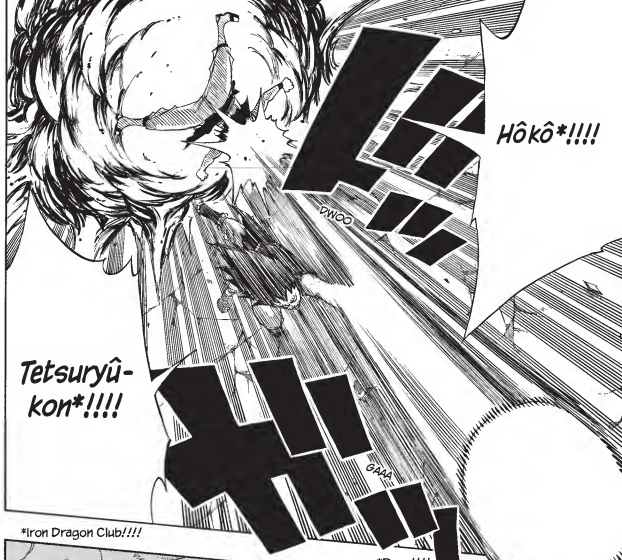




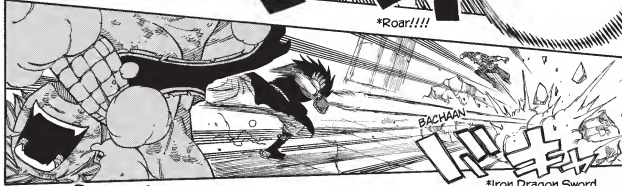


*Fire Dragon's...





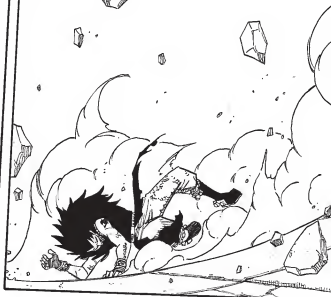
*Iron Dragon Club!!!!







*Fire Dragon's...

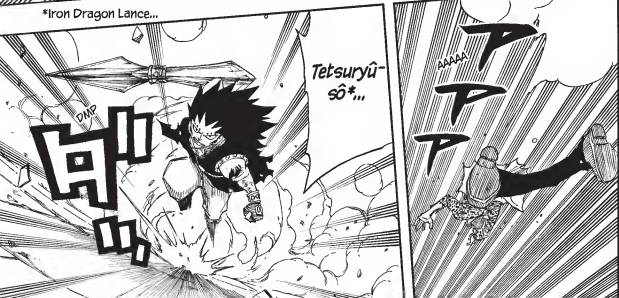




...Kôen*!!!!

*Gleaming Flame!!!!

*Iron Dragon Lance...



Tetsuryû-
sô*,,

AAAAA



...Hôkô*
!!!!

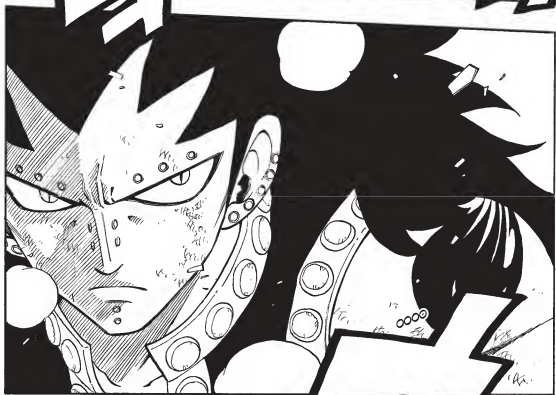
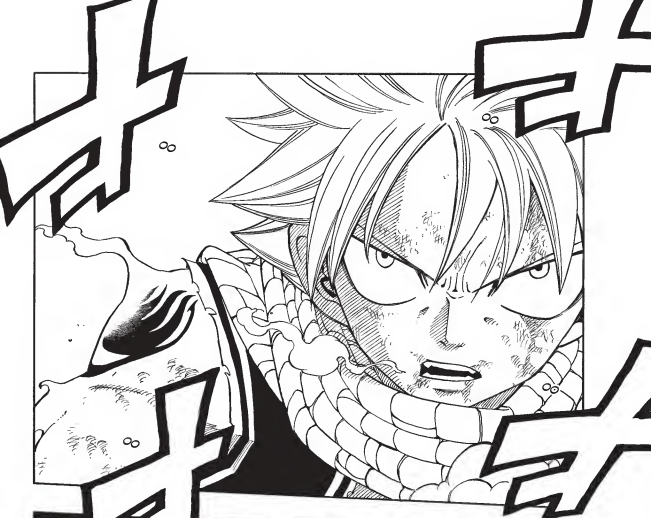
boom

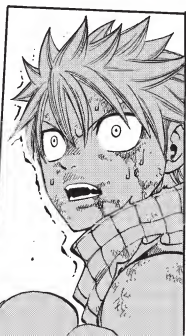
*Roar!!!!



GWOOOOON

ガッ
PMP





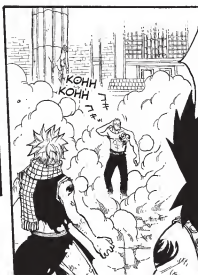


You should
be ashamed
to call
yourselves
dragon
slayers.



Nobody can
take that
much dragon
slayer
magic!
It ain't
possible!

I don't
care how
strong
the guy
is...

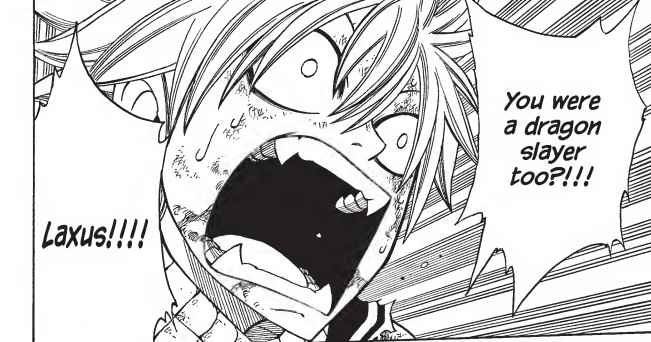


That's
impos-
sible!!!



*Lightning Dragon's...





Lexus!!!!

**You were
a dragon
slayer
too?!!!**

***Roar!!!!**



Hôkô*
!!!!

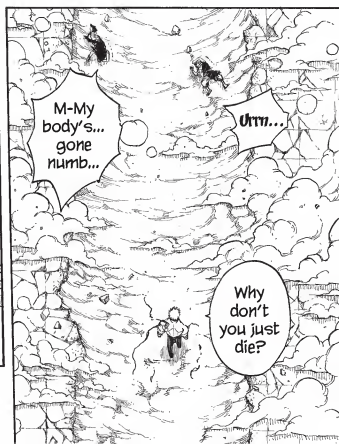
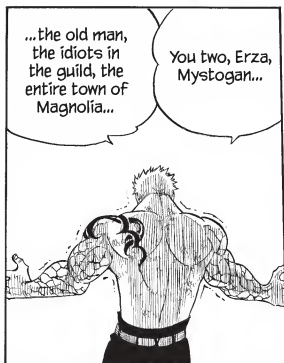
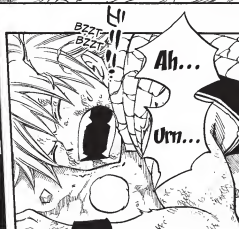
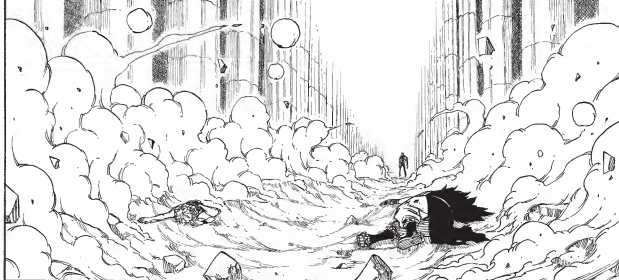


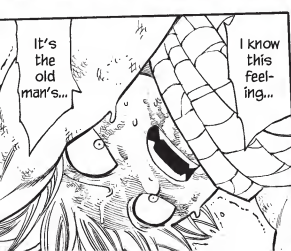
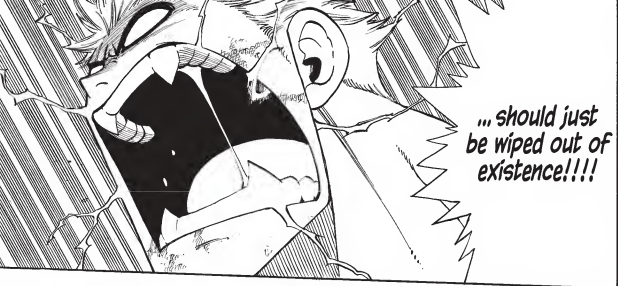
Gwaaa-
aaahh
!!!!

DOGOOOM

Aaa-
arrg
!!!!







Master
Makarov's
ultimate
judgment day
magic...

It targets
everything
the caster
looks on as
an enemy.

*Fairy
Law!!!!*

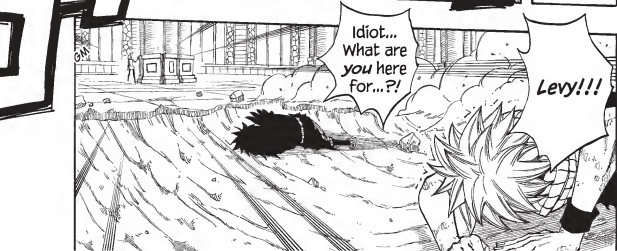
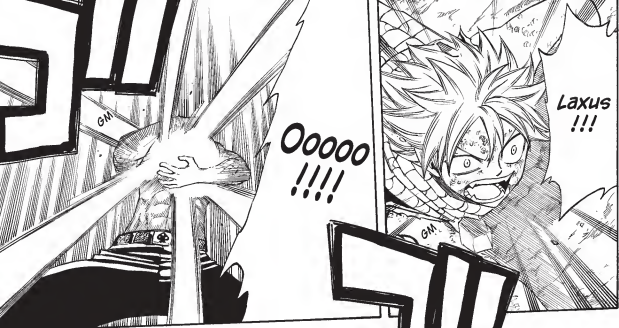


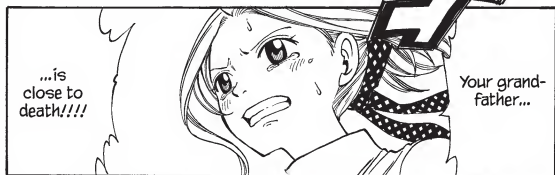
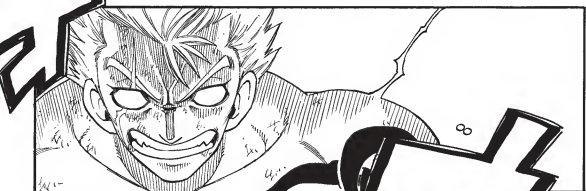
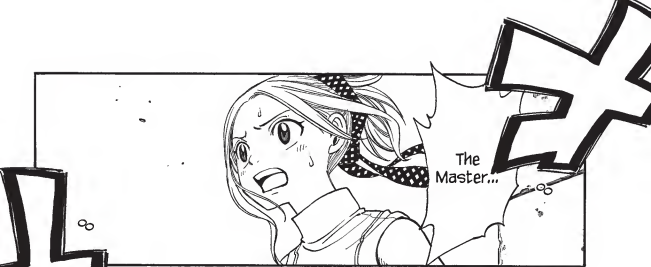
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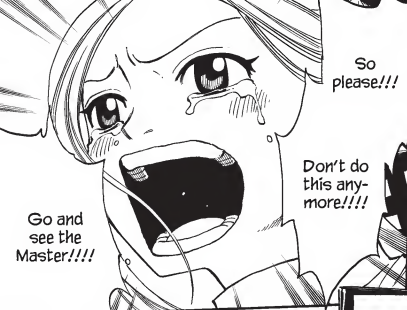
Chapter 125: Face of a Devil, Heart of an Angel







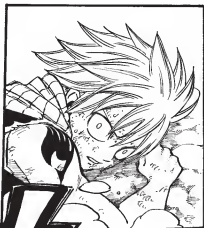




Go and
see the
Master!!!!

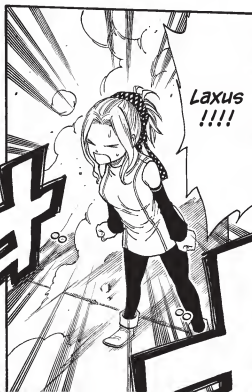
So
please!!!

Don't do
this any-
more!!!!



C...
"Close to
death"...?

The
old
man's
gonna...



Lexus
!!!!

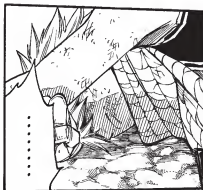


...die...?!

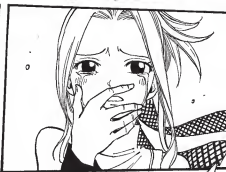


Perfect
timing,
huh?

That means
my chances of
being the next
master are
born again!



Bas-
tard...



Good riddance,
Fairy Tail!!!!

Hya ha ha
ha ha!!!!

One that
can't lose!!!
One that'll
make
everybody
shudder in
fear!!!

I'll start the
whole thing
over from
scratch!!!!

The world's
strongest
guild!!!!

Why the
hell...

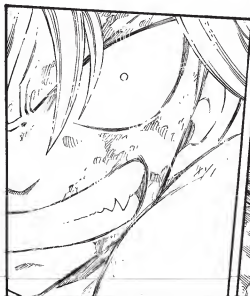
...are you
so...

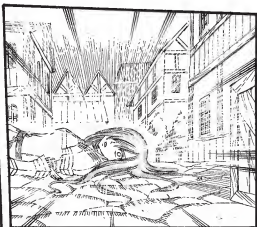
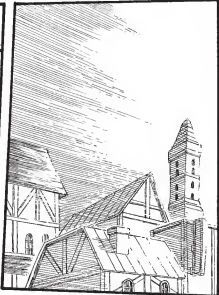
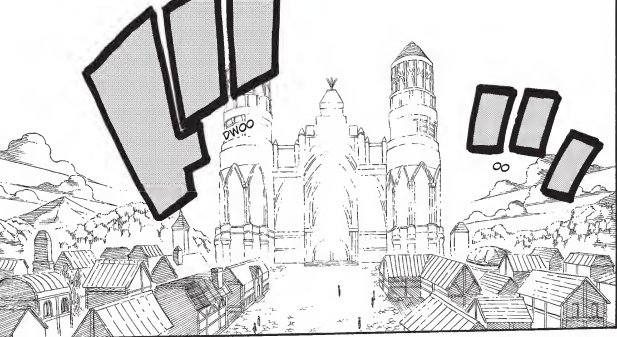
No!

SLUMP

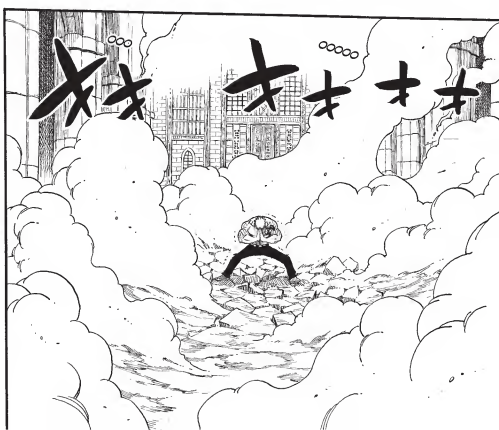
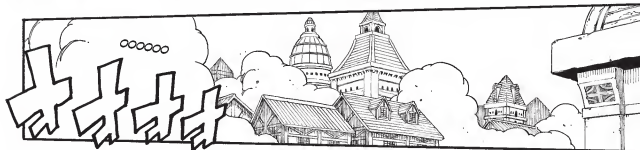
...is
invoked!!!!

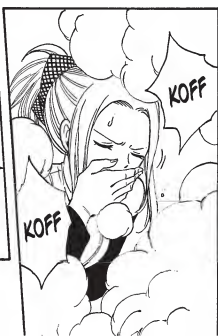
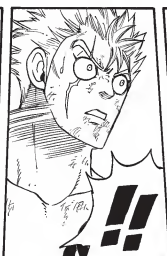
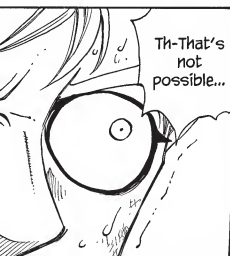
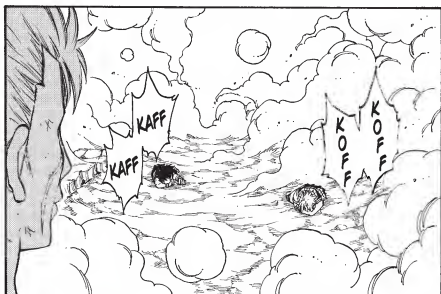
Fairy
Law...











Why ain't
anybody
dead?!!!

Why?!!!

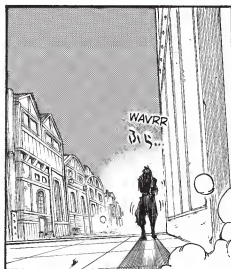


He
seems
okay.

How's
Natsu?

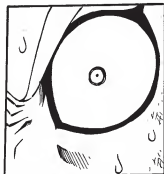
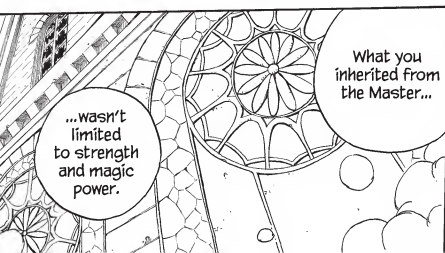
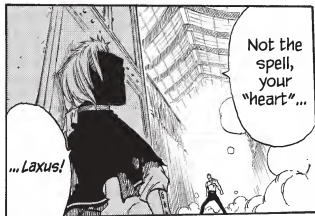
Yeah...
I'm fine.

Hey, you...
You okay?



They had that
much magic
forced down
their throats!
No way they
could still be
all right!!!

What the
hell's
going
on?!





*...but also
a heart that
holds his
comrades
dear.*

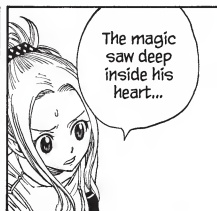


Do you
understand
what that
means,
Laxus?

Fairy law
affects
only the
people who
the caster
considers a
true enemy.



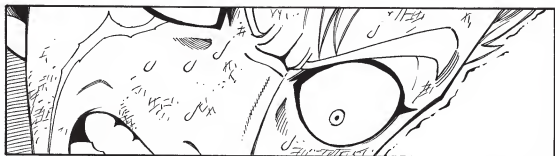
Magic
cannot lie,
Laxus.



The magic
saw deep
inside his
heart...



*It means that's
your true self.*



I don't give
a damn
about the old
man!!!!



Oh, stop
it, Laxus.

And go
see the
Master.



No!!!!

Anybody who
stands in my
way is my
enemy!!!
They're
all
enemies
!!!!

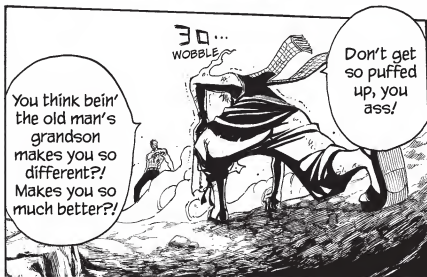
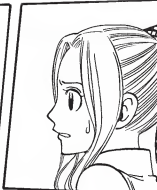


**I am
Lexus!!!!**

**I am
myself!!!!
I ain't the
old man's
grandson!!!
I'm
Lexus!!!!**



Yeah,
everybody
knows
that!



30...
WOBBLE

You think bein'
the old man's
grandson
makes you so
different?!
Makes you so
much better?!

Don't get
so puffed
up, you
ass!



GLARE



Don't go
struttin'
around
just
because
of some
stupid
blood
link!!!!

It's the
guild!!!!
That's our
family!!!!!!



I don't know!
Does that
mean we're
not on the
same side?!

BZZT
BZZT



What
would
you
know
of it?!



*We don't
know!
That's why
we lend
each other
a hand,
right?!!!*

*Lexus
!!!!*

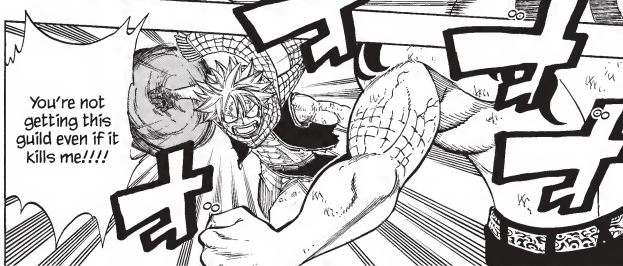
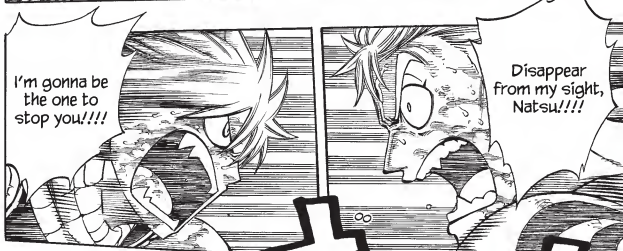
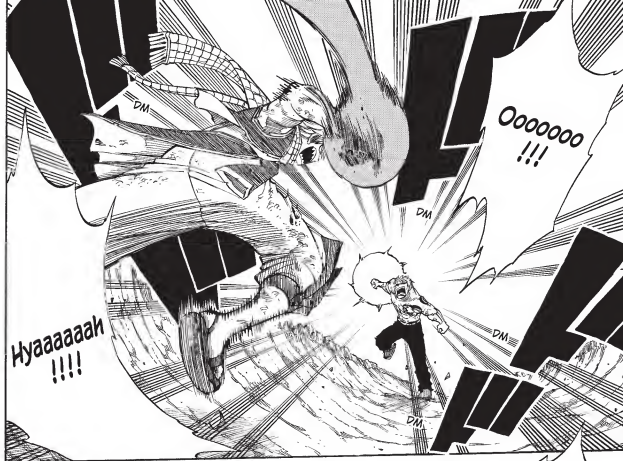
*Natshuhuh
!!!!*

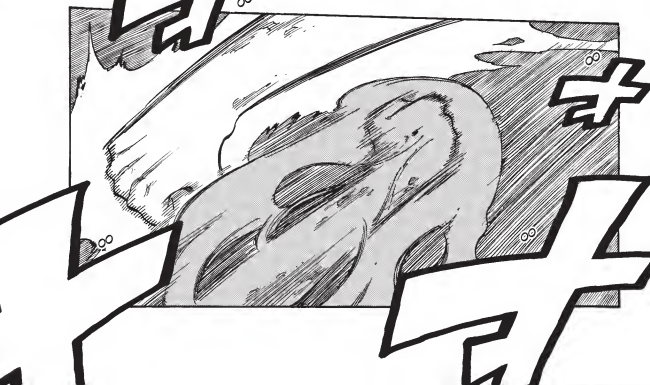
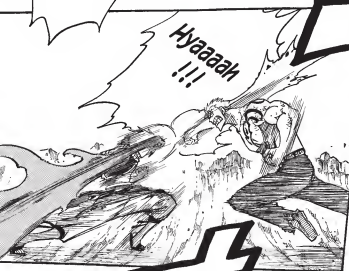
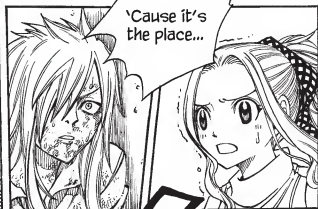
*Shut
up!!!!*

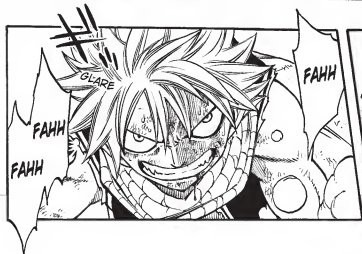
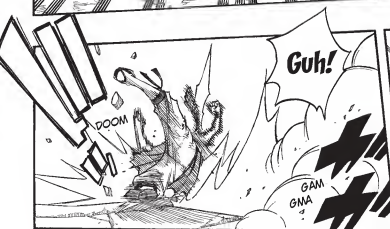
FAIRY TAIL

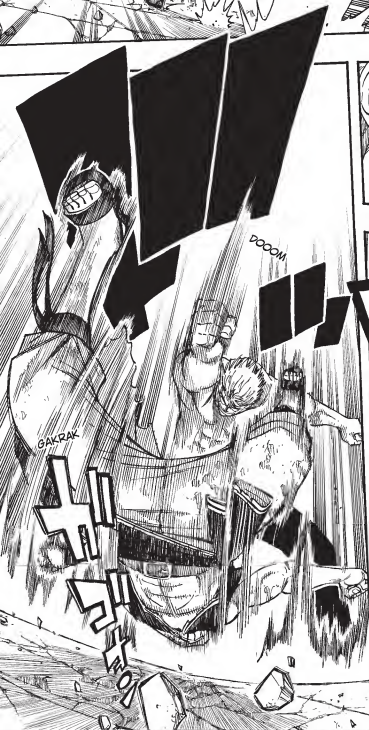
Chapter 126: Stand Up!!!!

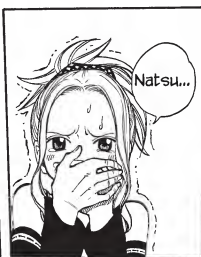
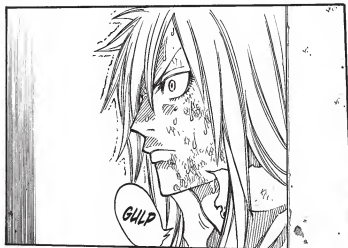


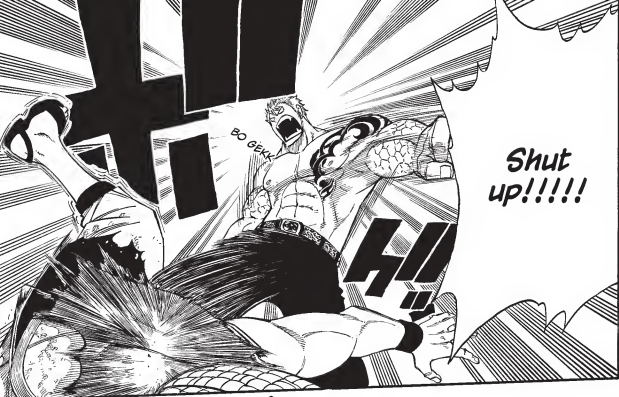




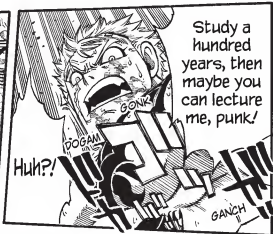
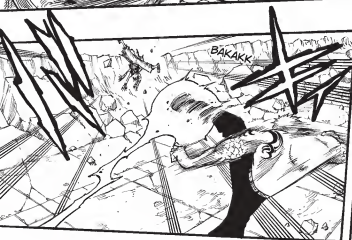


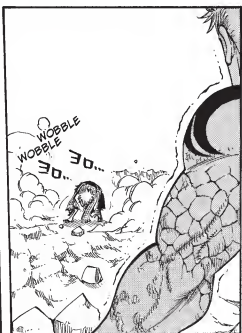
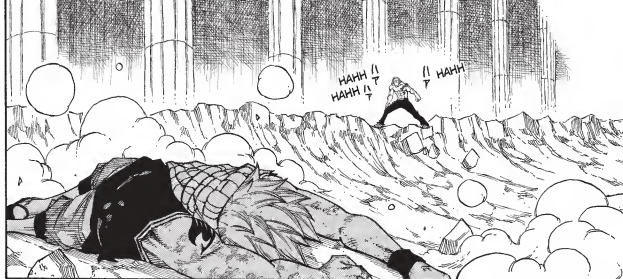


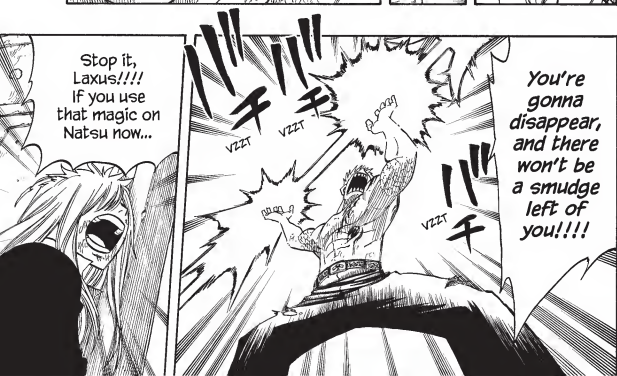
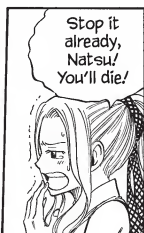
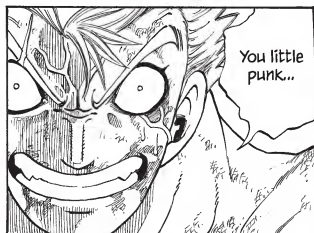




**Shut
up!!!!**









Rairyûhō-
tengeki*
!!!!

*Lightning Dragon Heavenly Spear

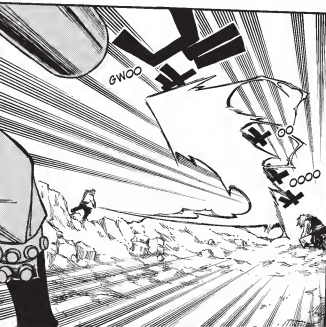
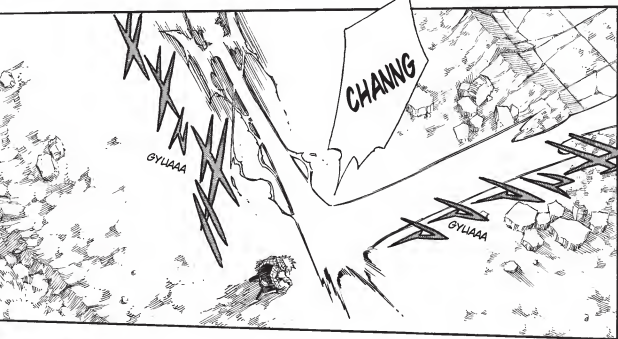
Are you
trying
to kill
him?!!!

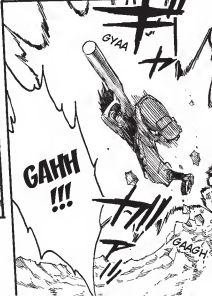
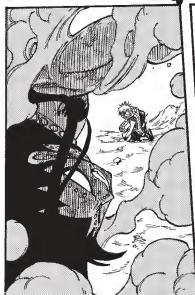
Um...

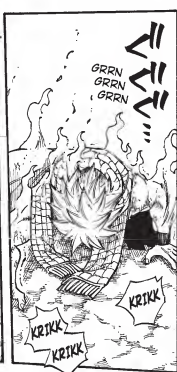


Dam-
mit...



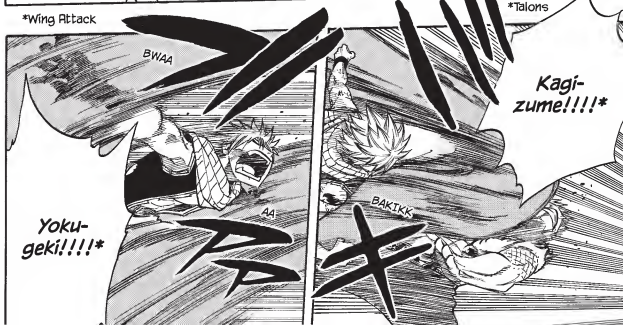
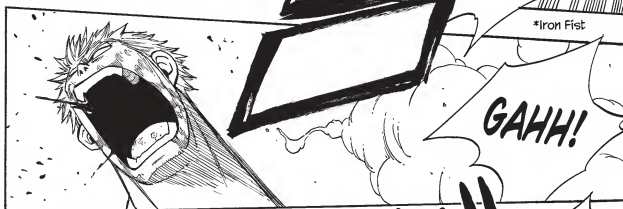






*Fire Dragon's...







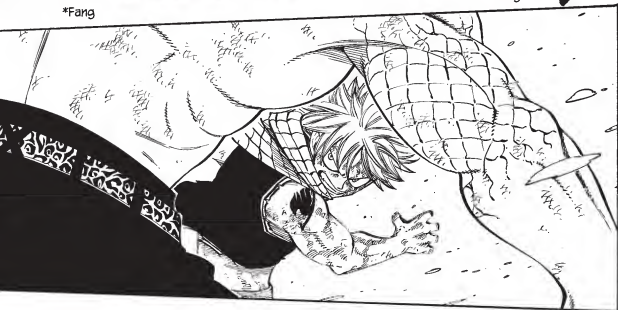
Saiga!!!!*

*Fang



Ken-kaku!!!!*

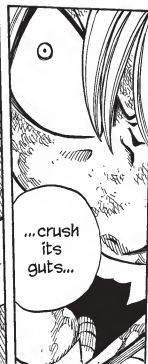
*Sword Edge



Secret techniques to take down a dragon...



...and kill its very soul...

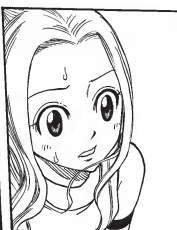
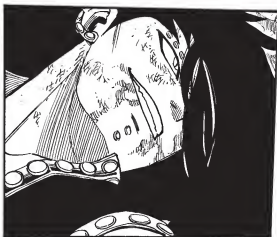
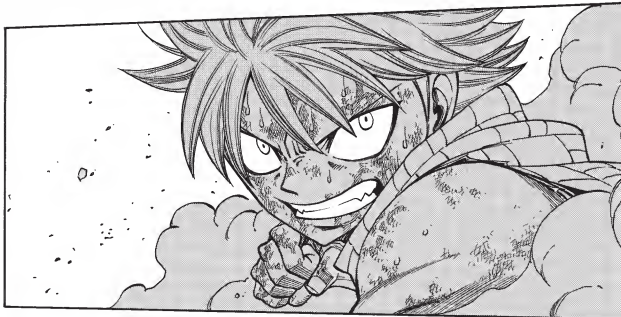
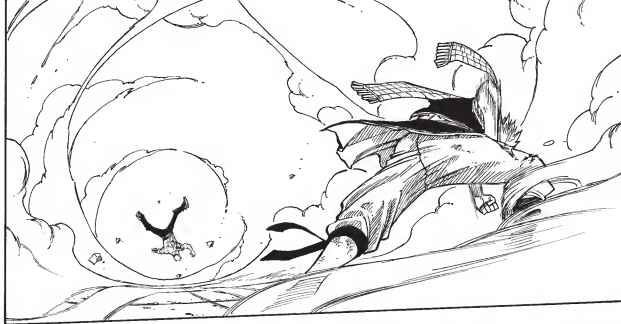


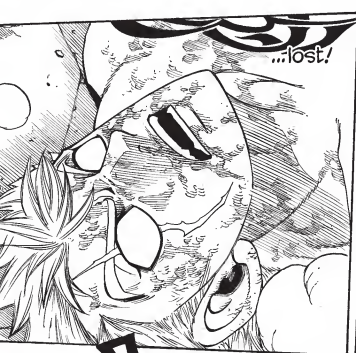
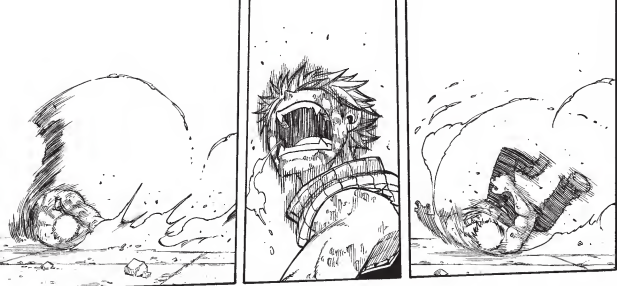
...crush its guts...



That magic is meant to break a dragon's scales...

Kuren-
Bakuen-
Jin!!!!*



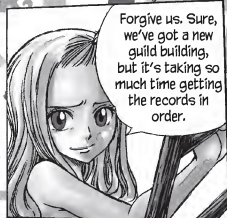




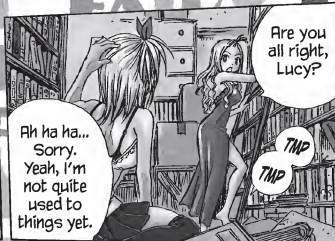
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Side Story

OWWW!!

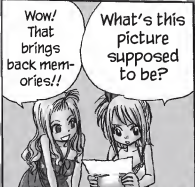


Forgive us. Sure, we've got a new guild building, but it's taking so much time getting the records in order.



Are you all right, Lucy?

Ah ha ha... Sorry. Yeah, I'm not quite used to things yet.



Wow! That brings back memories!!

What's this picture supposed to be?



Hm?



Not at all! How about I help?

FAIRY TAIL



Side Story

X778: Natsu and the Dragon's Egg



FAIRY TAIL

So that
would make
it six years
ago.

This
happened
very soon
after
I joined
Fairy Tail.



I picked it
up in the
East Forest.

An egg?
Where did
you find that
thing?





A
dragon
?!!

Don't even
joke about
that! This is
a dragon's
egg!!! I'm
gonna hatch
it!!!



Gray!
..... Your
clothes!

Well,
look at that.
Never expected
you to do
something
useful!

Now we
can *all*
eat!



What
are you
saying,
fool?!

So, Old
Man, hatch
this for me,
okay?



You...
think
so...?

Look!
Doesn't
the pattern
around here
look like a
dragon's
claw?



Life comes
from love!
Magic can't
match that kind
of power!

There is
no magic
in this
world that
profanes
life!

He's saying that if you want it hatched, you will be required to put in effort and do it yourself.

Over a kid's head, huh?

Old man, are you okay? I don't get a word you're sayin'.



W-We're really good friends today too, see?

Y-You were here?

This comes as a good chance to learn the significance of birth!

Normally, you're incapable of doing anything but destroying things.



Erza!!!



So Erza's back?







Say,
Natsu!

How about
we raise
the egg
together?

Dammit!!! One
of these days,
I'm gonna take
Erza and Mira
down at the
same time!

First Erza tells
us we *can't* fight
it out, then she
goes and does
this. Makes me
mad!



Yeah, but
how does a
guy hatch
an egg
anyway?

I don't
know if
"raising"
is the
right
word.

Sure!!
It sounds
like fun
raising an
egg!

Lisanna!
You're
saying
you'll
help?!

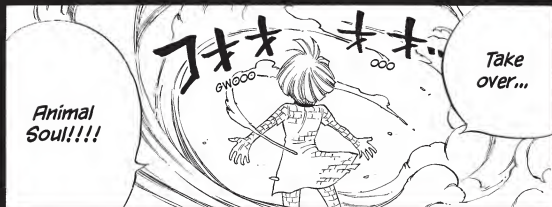
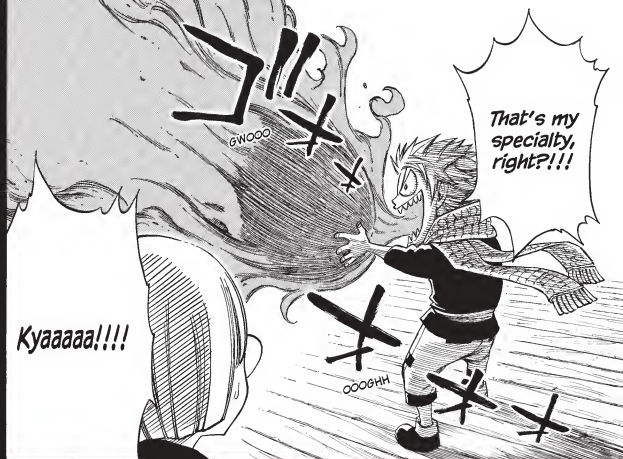


Keep it
warm?

What?!



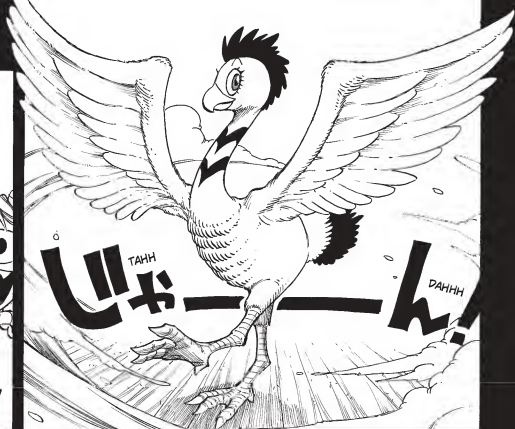
A long time
ago, I read in
a book that
if you keep
it warm, it'll
hatch!



Ohh!!



A
bird!!!



What's
wrong,
Elfman?

.....



You're
really
good,
Lisanna!



I think the
way to warm
it is to do it
like this.



That's right!
You three all
use the same
kind of magic.



Lisanna and
Mira can both use
full-body takeover,
but I can't...
Even
though
I'm a
man.



CLAMOR
CLAMOR

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や
あ

CHATTER
CHATTER
あい
あい

A dragon?
Those things
don't even
exist!

But they
say Natsu
was raised
by a dragon,
right?

I hear that
Natsu and
Lisanna are
warming the
dragon's egg
together.

Several
days
later...



!!

KRAK



Nice bein' a
kid, huh?

It looks like they
built themselves a
secret base in the
park, and have been
watching the egg
ever since!

あははは、!
AH HA HA HA!



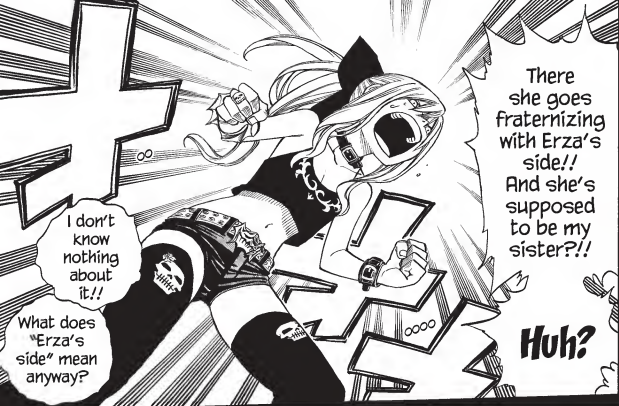
So she's
sneaking
off with
Natsu?

I thought
I hadn't
seen her
at home in
a while...



Eee!!

What do
you think
you're
doing,
Mirajane?!





That's why I do jobs, right?

You pay money for it?

Eat it at the guild.

What do you do about food?

Yeah!

Come to think of it, Natsu, you live alone, right?



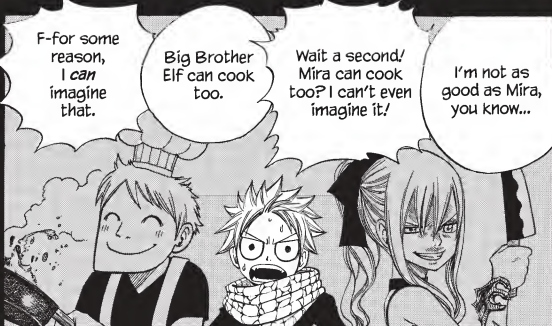
You can cook?!

Why don't I make you something next time we have the chance?



You do?

I kinda feel sorry for you.



F-for some reason, I *can* imagine that.

Big Brother Elf can cook too.

Wait a second! Mira can cook too? I can't even imagine it!

I'm not as good as Mira, you know...







Wait!
You're
already
asleep!

SNOORE

くハッ

I'm going
to sleep over
here and
keep watch
all night!



Wha?!
How?!

ワロ～ン
DWOON

The
egg is
gone
!!!!

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I don't know
anything
about it.

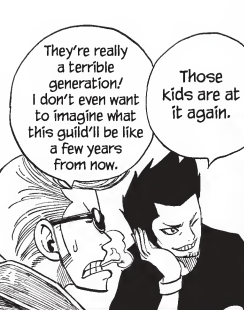
The egg
vanished?



Who
is it?!
Who
stole
it?!!

TAIL







Natsu...
Lisanna...
I'm sorry.



The
egg...

ヒ
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シ
SNIFF



I ain't
cryin'!!!

Hey,
Natsu!
You
mustn't
cry!

Save that
for some
other time,
Mira!



The egg!!

Elfman?!

I didn't
steal it...
really...!

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TMP

でん
TMP



But...I...can't
use magic
very well, and
it makes me
embarrassed,
so I kept it
warm alone.

It
gets...
cold at
night,
right?

I just
thought it
would be
hard for
the two
of you to
keep it
warm...



Thanks so much, Elfman!!!

Is that what happened?!

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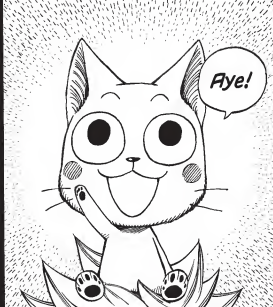
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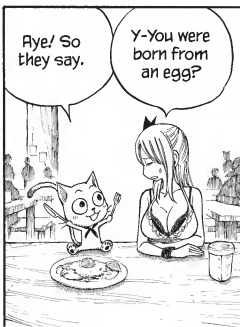
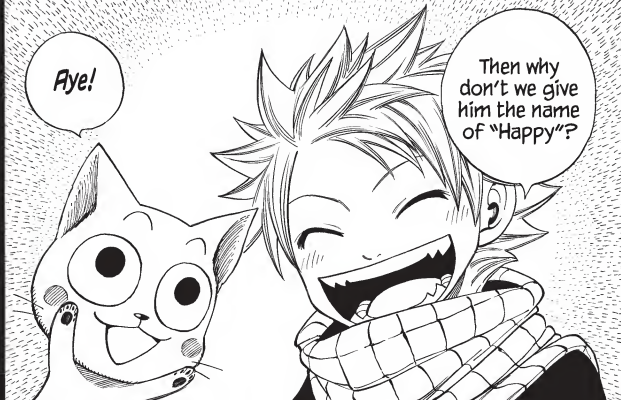
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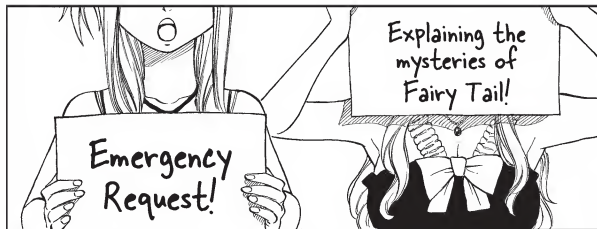




AFTERWORD

This makes me really think hard about manga. Just kidding!! No, really, I went to signings in Taiwan and America, and I had also heard that they're really passionate about Fairy Tail in France too. And amid all this, I went to a party bringing together manga artists from both Sunday and Magazine, so I can say, I've had a good taste of manga events. I wrote a little about this in Volume 12, but Japan just doesn't seem to have any events that go beyond a particular publisher. If you're talking cars, you have the motor shows. Games have the Tokyo Game Show, and music has all of its festivals... There are loads of things like that. But there's none for manga. Of course, I think the rivalry between publishers is a good thing, but I also think that once a year, gathering all the publishers and having an event aimed at the fans would do some good. Sure, I know it'd cost a lot of money, and there are probably plenty of obstacles to it that I don't know about, but I think the days of being able to sell manga without lifting a finger are long over. It could be because of a change in consumer attitudes, or a change in the atmosphere surrounding manga, or the fact that we manga-ka have changed.... I'm sure there are many reasons, but you know, manga is Japanese culture. Isn't this the very time when the entire publishing industry should be gathering to go out and push it? At least, that's what I've been thinking lately. Huh... Here I go getting all serious, and now my shoulders have suddenly gotten stiff....

In the next Fairy Tail volume, we set a record, printing a chapter 128 that's very different than the magazine version!! It's an extended version where I've added some ten pages to it!! Look for it!!



Mountain-lion-o-poooon!!!

Lucy: This time, we're going to have a great time answering your questions!

Mira: Woof, woof!

Lucy:

Mira: Woof!



Okay. What's that for?



It's a mountainlion voice! Woof, woof!



Mountain LION. It's one of the big cats!

Mira: So, on with the questions!



Don't you think Laxus is a little too macho with his shirt off?

Lucy: The person's got a point.

Mira: I hear the manga artist thought a question like that would come along, and he was prepared.

Lucy: It isn't just Laxus. Whenever anybody is in a battle, they suddenly get all muscular.

Mira: Still, Dragon slayer magic is a type of magic that changes your body, so doesn't that explain it?



Isn't it just because he sucks at drawing people who are more delicate?

Mira: Next question!

Those guys... Who were they?



Lucy: Hey, you noticed the little bit of foreshadowing! Good for you!



I hope the artist hasn't forgotten them himself.

Lucy: Maybe they were originally set to appear right in the middle of the Battle of Fairy Tail, right?

Mira: And it was up to Laxus and Natsu to defend the guild together!

Lucy: "You know I...really love Fairy Tail after all!" (Laxus's voice)

Mira: "Right! Then let's fight these bums together!" (Natsu's Voice)

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Then in comes the Master!



"Both of you! Well done!"

Lucy: And everybody is the best of friends!

Mira: And they lived happily ever after!



Hey, that may not be a bad idea.

Mira: Don't worry. "Those guys" will be back. In the next volume.

So why is it that Natsu and Gajeel couldn't get out of the Jutsu-shiki trap?



Lucy: Ohhh! So there's a mystery still left, huh?

Mira: It seems there is an actual reason for this.

Lucy: If I remember right, the rule went something like, "Stone statues and people over 80 years old may not leave." Or something like that, I think.

Mira: There was also a hint in Volume 4 and Volume 13 when it mentioned that Natsu's and Gajeel's ages were unknown.



Ehhh?! But that sort of gives the answer away, doesn't it? P Are you sure it's okay to say that?! That Natsu and Gajeel are both actually over 80 years old?!!



Sorry. Wrong.

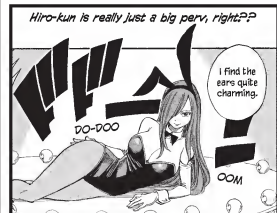


Eh?

Mira: Beyond that would be revealing an important plot point, so I can't say any more.

Lucy: Nooo! Now you got me curious!!

Mira: On to the last question.



Lucy: I don't really think we need to answer that question.

Mira: True. He is always doing his very best for his male readers.

Lucy: That isn't what I mean! He isn't thinking of that at all! He's just a big perv!!

Mira: But he's doing his best for his female fans too! This volume, he had both Gray and Laxus strip down, didn't he?



I don't think just having everybody strip is "doing one's best"...

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▲ Yeah! I have the feeling I draw something like this at some point, but I can't quite remember...

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Iwata Prefecture, Yūya Aoe

▶ It seems like he actually got into the light with Leaky Lapis.



Gifu Prefecture, Tomoka Yamashita

▶ Due appearing on a checker board!



Nagano Prefecture, Chasiken

▶ That's an amazingly intelligent looking Natsu-kun.



Fuku Prefecture, Hantokichi

▶ She was pretty good huh? Erza had a tough time fighting her.

▶ A really cute Juvia-sart.



Ehime Prefecture, Ai Urushikawa



Osaka, Makoto Kinara

▶ Ohh! Natsu's turned into another Jason!



Tokyo, Ryo Hasegawa

▶ A refreshing Erza. Thank you! And thanks for the encouragement!



Nagasaki Prefecture, Sayuri Hirano

▶ Huh? What is that in the upper right?



Chiba, Seiji Saito

▶ Love the strongest. It took the combined strength of Natsu and Gajeel together to take him down.



Hokkaido, Ryo Morimoto

▶ This is pretty cute. I like the combination.



Saitama Prefecture, Kōryū

▶ Hi there!! A cute pose for Lucy!

Lyrics by Hiro Mashima.



Osaka Prefecture, Ayaka Ikeda

▶ Gray acting cool. But he's not. This guy is just 'dandy cool'!



Kanagawa Prefecture, Fumi Koda

▶ The soft personality of Mirajane can be kind of scary, huh?



Kanagawa Prefecture, Ryoichi

▶ Looks like the two of them driving domestic at school.

Translation Notes

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction in our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Names

Hiro Mashima has graciously agreed to provide official English spellings for just about all of the characters in *Fairy Tail*. Because this version of *Fairy Tail* is the first publication of most of these spellings, there will inevitably be differences between these spellings and some of the fan interpretations that may have spread throughout the web or in other fan circles. Rest assured that what is contained in this book are the spellings that Mashima-sensei wanted for *Fairy Tail*.

Wizard

In the original Japanese version of *Fairy Tail*, there are occasional images where the word "Wizard" is found. This translation has taken that as its inspiration, and translated the word *madōshi* as wizard. But *madōshi*'s meaning is similar to certain Japanese words that have been borrowed into the English language such as judo (the soft way) and kendo (the way of the sword). *Madō* is the way of magic, and *madōshi* are those who follow the way of magic. So although the word "wizard" is used, the Japanese would think less of traditional western wizards such as Merlin or Gandalf, and more of martial artists.

Dance of Purgatory, page 16

The top two *kanji* on Mystogan's pants are the Japanese word for the Catholic religion's concept of purgatory – a place to purge one's soul of sins before one can proceed to heaven. The bottom two, *kagura*, is a word for traditional music and dances of the Shinto religion.

Matenrô, page 25

In normal use, *matenrô* would mean a high-rise building, but obviously this particular magic has nothing to do with a building. The first *kanji* in the word means "to scrape," and the second means "the heavens." And considering what was awaiting Laxus up in the sky, "Sky Scraping" seems like a reasonable translation for the words.

Symbols on Chest, page 71

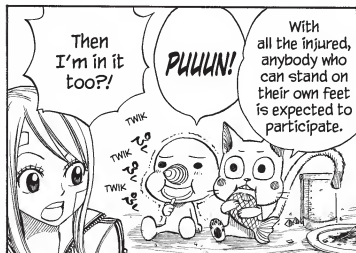
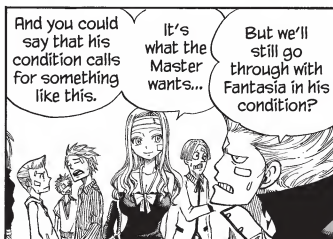
One of the passed-out wizards had a *kanji* and heart symbol either on a t-shirt or a tattoo on his chest. The first one is the *kanji* for *ai*, which means "love." So, although it would be pronounced the same as the "I heart" T-shirts, it basically means, "Love love."

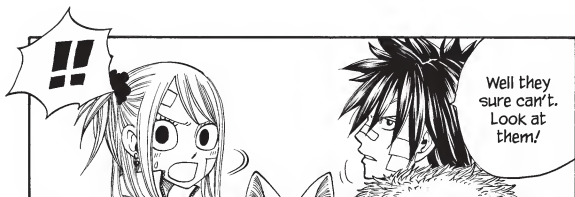
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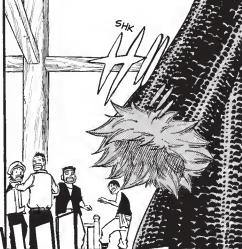
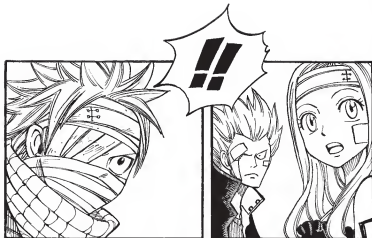
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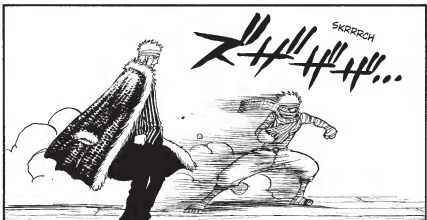
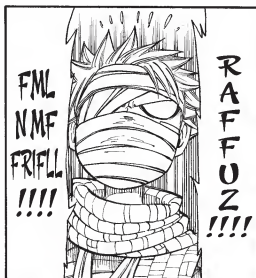


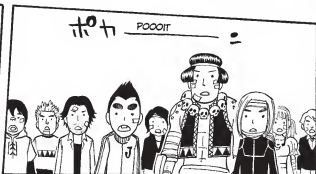
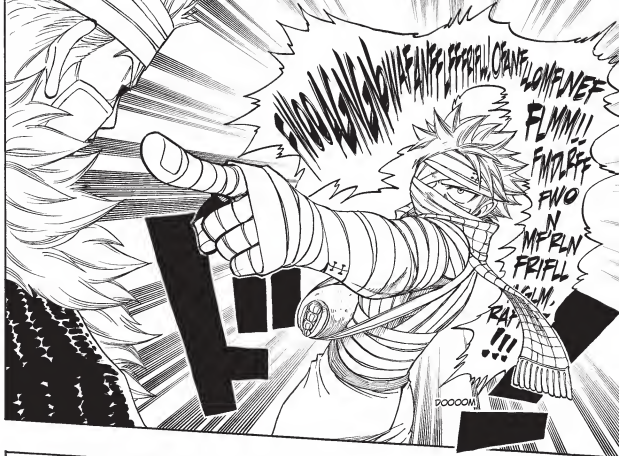


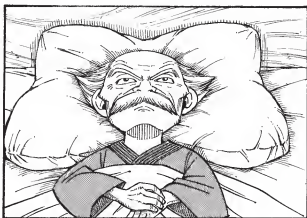
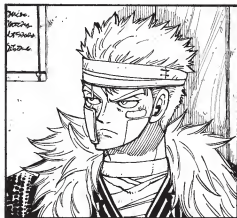
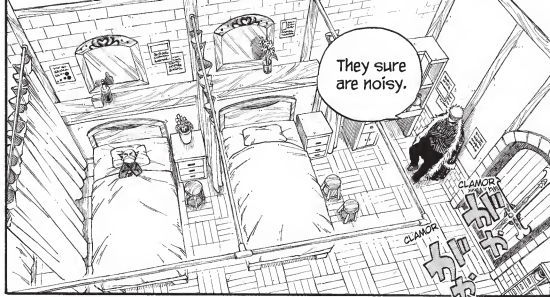


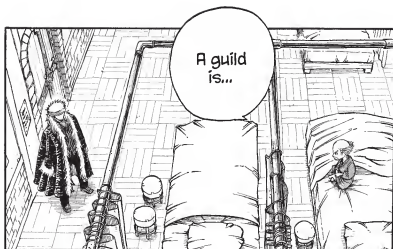
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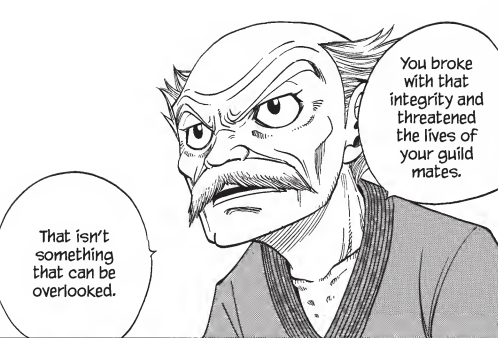


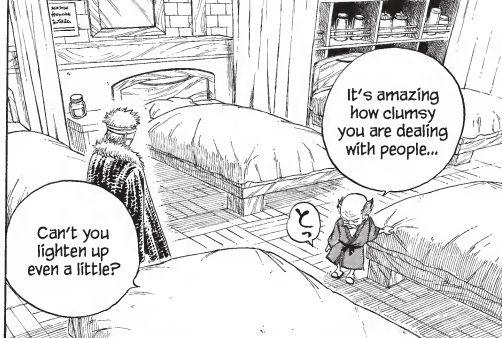












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you are dealing
with people...



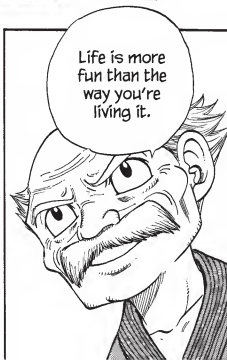
Hear the
words you're
deaf to now.

If you could,
you would see
things that
you can't see
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You
didn't need
strength.
Be stupid
for all I
care...

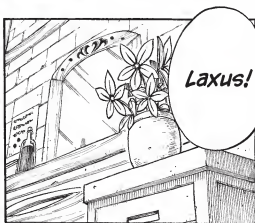
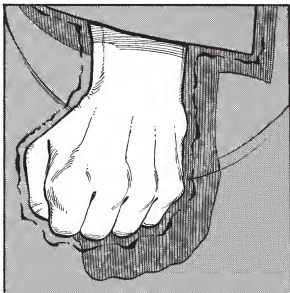
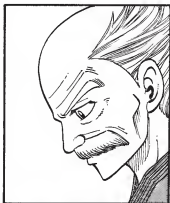
You know I...
lived to watch
the way you
grew up.



Life is more
fun than the
way you're
living it.

*... that
was all
I was
hoping
for.*

*But as
long as
you were
full of
energy
...*



Lexus!

**YOU ARE
EXPELLED!**

FWOOM!

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